

## Welcome!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is truly a special place. We are a growing congregation with a long history of service in our community. We have opportunities for everyone to connect and deepen their faith in Jesus, such as small groups, music ensembles, service teams, and much more. So jump on in and join us in ministry!

Our church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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### Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Communion for all who wish to receive it is offered at all weekend services. Worshipers who are physically unable to come forward may receive communion in their seats (please let the usher know). Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also offered at each of the communion stations at all worship services.

## Connect with Us!

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### Your Church Staff

**Pastor**

Rev. Edd Wunderlich

**Director of Music**

Jessica Seidler

**Office Administrator**

Cheryl Christensen

**Office Assistant**

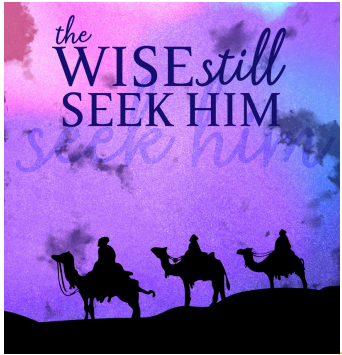
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**Accompanist**

Dr. Tracey Johnson

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Andreas Landstedt



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FIRST SUNDAY  
of CHRISTMAS**  
DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

## WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

## GATHERING

## GATHERING HYMN

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* ELW # 283

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.”

People: **“We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son.”**

Leader: “The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

People: **“Let us rejoice in God’s gift — Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, You have given us the gift of Your Son, born to bring light and peace to the world. As we continue to celebrate His birth, open our hearts to His joy, His hope, and His presence. Amen.**



## Sermon & Hymns

### LESSON 1 – GOD’S PROMISE OF LIGHT (ISAIAH 9:2, 6–7)

A reader proclaims the prophecy of the coming Messiah.

#### LESSON 1 HYMN

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* ELW # 257 (verse 5)

### LESSON 2 – THE BIRTH OF JESUS (LUKE 2:1–7)

Mary gives birth to Jesus in Bethlehem.

#### LESSON 2 HYMN

*“Away in a Manger”* ELW # 278

### LESSON 3 – THE ANGELS ANNOUNCE GOOD NEWS (LUKE 2:8–14)

The angels proclaim peace and joy to the shepherds.

#### LESSON 3 HYMN

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ELW # 289

### LESSON 4 – THE SHEPHERDS VISIT (LUKE 2:15–20)

The shepherds hurry to see the newborn Savior.

#### LESSON 4 HYMN

*“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* ELW # 290

## Prayer List

### HEALING

- Lenior: Ralph Jacob
- Jessica & Joahans Seidler
- Karen Calnan
- Jerry Shireman
- Kevin Engles: Pam Kerns
- Elizabeth Long: niece of Bob Long
- Jennifer Shireman
- Lona Efaw
- Patrick Borders: Pam Kerns
- Richard Heath: brother of Cheryl Christensen
- Mary Henderson : Pam Kerns
- Bill Stancil: Jo Ellen Witt
- Ellie Bargmann
- Jeff Voth: Kay Lehr
- Jeff Boomgarden
- Starla Bargmann: Ellie Bargmann

### COMFORT

- Family & friends of Stephanie's husband: friend of Valorie Stokes
- Family & friends of Charlotte Gray: Aunt of Key Lehr
- Family & friends of Larry Bridell: Pam Kerns

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 28th is the Last Day to turn in donations for 2025 yearly statements.

### MILITARY

- Wounded Warriors: Gayle & Rena Mason
- Brandon Curtis: Mark Sherbo's nephew
- Dawn Michael: Cheryl Christensen
- Mylo Lassiter: Nephew of Mark Sherbo
- Danny Webster: Mary Engebretson

### CONCERN

- For Students finishing the school year: Mason family
- Those traveling during holidays
- Mary Weekley: Pam Kerns
- Dan & Lorrie Wolf

## Important Dates!

### Every Day

Nativity Display

### Monday - Friday

9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care

### Tuesday

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday (New Year's Eve)

Office Hours 9 am - 12 pm

### Thursday & Friday

Office Closed for Holiday & Vacation

### Saturday

5:00 pm Worship; 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Pantry

### Sunday

9:00 am Worship

## Altar Flowers

Jan 5 In celebration of Kam Rey Adair First Birthday (Granddaughter) ~  
Paula Rohr Fry



## Sermon & Hymns

### LESSON 5 – THE WORD BECOMES FLESH (JOHN 1:1–5, 14)

John proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation.

#### LESSON 5 HYMN

*“What Child Is This”* ELW # 296

### LESSON 6 – THE LIGHT STILL SHINES (MATTHEW 2:1–12)

The wise men seek and worship the newborn King.

#### LESSON 6 HYMN

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”* **Insert next page**

### LESSON 7 – LIVING IN THE LIGHT (1 JOHN 4:9–12)

A call to love one another as God has loved us.

#### LESSON 7 HYMN

*“Love Has Come”* ELW # 292

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.  
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891



Holy Communion

COMMUNION SERVERS Dean & Joan Dark

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Pastor Edd Wunderlich



Sending

CLOSING PRAYER

God of light and love, fill us with the joy of Christ's birth. Send us into the world reflecting His hope, peace, and love.  
Amen.

FINAL CAROL AND BLESSING

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* ELW # 270

BENEDICTION

"May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the peace of Christ fill your hearts this day and always."  
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace...Christ is With You.  
Thanks Be to God!

Together With Christ.... **We Care!!!!**