

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Today: 9:00AM Worship

10:00 AM-Coffee fellowship

Monday: 9:00AM- Bone Builders

Tuesday: 9:00 AM-Lectio

Wednesday: 10:00AM-1:00PM Quilters

Thursday: 8:30 AM-Men's Group/Dulcimers

Next Sunday: THE RIVER PROJECT BEGINS

KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST

In need of healing: Seth Goodnature, David Hubbartt, Brent & Heather Mitchell, David Keller, Dean Basson, Mimi Bergstedt, Penelope Cuypers, Jackson Rolles, Amanda Zimmer, Ashley Kostuch, Brian Scribner, Joanne Alreck, Del Hubbartt, Andi White, Daniel Hubbartt, Pam West, Susan Hubbartt, Scott Shelerud, Laetitia Basson.

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Leif Zmolek, Dennis Swanson, Les Bolen, Veronica Persons, Peggy Behan, Paul von Goertz, Lil Hanson, Arianna Yang, Anneka Allert, Sandra Bjorum, Amy Musel, Les Weiss, Ella Jackson, Bill DeRoche, Laurie Jackson, Susan Southard.

**** SAVE THE DATE!!** TACO NIGHT ... the Council is planning our first community winter picnic of 2026. It is scheduled for January 21 at 5:00. You don't need to bring anything ... invite a neighbor to this Heart of the Community gathering.

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Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 4, 2026



GATHERING

Prelude:

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.**

**We confess that we have not always prepared
 room in our hearts for your love;
 we have not always recognized your presence among us;
 we have not always embraced your message of peace.
 We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
 oppression, and fear.
 We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge;
 our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones;
 our reluctance to embody your good news.
 Be born in us today and teach us to sing
 the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**
 God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
 Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #272 *"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your
 incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all
 that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading: John 1: [1-9] 10-18

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #517 *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Christ's peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Prayer

SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 302 *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

Blessing and Sending Forth:

P: May the blessing of God who risked everything for our sake,
 The blessing of the Christ-child who releases in us new visions of
 hope,

The blessing of the Holy Spirit who guides and directs us into new
 forms of obedience be with us.

Go forth as preparers and proclaimers of God's word.

All: We go as witnesses to the God of peace. Thanks be to God.

Announcements, Opportunities for Service

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Mark Holman

Organist/Pianist: Patti Stoddard Clarinet: Lawrence Burkhard

Ushers/Greeters: Melanie McMillion and Delores Jackson

Lector: Anthony Hubbart

Altar: Delores Jackson and Jan Swanson

Communion Asst: Jan Swanson

Counters: Kay Struve and Joanie Lee

Coffee: Delores Jackson and Jan Swanson

Live stream: Tech Team

Children Church/Kids Connect: Anne Jasperson & Gretta Ojard

Next Sunday: Randi Alreck & Alison Shaw