



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lakeview Lutheran Church is a broadminded, hospitable congregation that demonstrates faith through compassion, support, fellowship, and social ministry. We are a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.



SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

5:00 pm Saturday, January 3 and 9:00am Sunday, January 4, 2026

Pastor: Pastor Darin Wiebe

Director of Music: Lynn Najem

PRELUDE - *We silence our voices and phones as we prepare our hearts for worship. Please sign the worship pad to let us know you were here!*

Bulletins & Altar Flour Sponsorship:

Worship Assistants:

Altar Guild: Dayna Dalton

Ushers: Jim Dalton

Counters: Gus Knitt & Debbie Meyers

Communion Assistant: Dayna Dalton

Reader: Chris DuPre

Video Streaming: Amy Luebke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

C **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.

P 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.**

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

C **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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy;

I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of

truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P *Alleluia.* All the ends of the earth

C **have seen the victory of our God. *Alleluia.***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Darin Wiebe

Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church,
creation, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude with these words:

P With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you,
O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C **God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the
blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the
world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come; taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel along the altar rail. Receive the wafer and the wine or juice and return to your seats. 100% gluten free wafers are available.

This is the Lord's Table and the Lord invites all to come and dine.

Please stand as you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

C **Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.**

BLESSING

P The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C **Amen.**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Glory to God in the highest!

C **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lakeview Lutheran Church Offering - You can also give to the ministries of Lakeview Lutheran Church online by scanning the QR code below with your phone. God can even turn our phones into ministries that serve and affect those in need and strengthen our congregation. Thank you for your offerings!





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Lakeview Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions to participate fully in the life and work of our congregation, and we are committed to work toward racial equity in our society and community.

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Lakeview is a congregation of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We strive to be an open and hospitable place for all, and we invite you to join us often for worship and other activities and ministries that appeal to you.

You are invited to celebrate Holy Communion with us. We believe that we all come to the Lord’s Table at the invitation of our risen Lord, Jesus, and we there receive his body and blood in the elements of communion, the forgiveness of our sins, the promise of eternal life, and hope for the living of our daily lives. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Children are welcome in our worship and at the Lord’s Table.

A gender-inclusive restroom with a changing table is located off the narthex. Additional restrooms are on the lower level.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 4, 2026

Lakeview/Community Winter Sledding Event: Sunday, January 4, 2026, 10:30AM – 1:00PM – Lake View Hill. Hot Chocolate/Apple Cider/Coffee/Cookies/Cake will be served. Spread the word!! Please let the office or Jamie Falk know if you would like to help with this event.

*****NEW** CHOIR rehearsals resume Thursday, January 8th @ 7pm in the Sanctuary-New members welcome!!*****

*****NEW** Altar Flowers/"Flour" & Bulletin Sponsorship for 2026-A new signup sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.***

*****NEW** Offering envelopes are available for pickup and will be in the Narthex.***

*****UPDATE** The Lakeview Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of the month @ 6pm in the Fellowship Room.*** Book selections are:

- January - 2026 Meet to select the year's books-**MEETING AT MURPHY'S BAR & GRILL – New members welcome!**

*****NEW** Food Pantry Requests: January – 1-2 lbs of RICE***

The next Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament will be Thursday, January 8th, "Pizza Pizza!". The church will provide pizza. Please bring salad or dessert to share.

Blood Drive - The next blood drive will be Tuesday, February 24, 2026.