

EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Bulletin

Second Sunday of Christmas

JANUARY 3RD &
4TH, 2026



Announcements

Introduction

Confession & Forgiveness

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

Amen.

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

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 reluctance to embody your
good news. Be born in us today and teach us to
sing the joyful song of your salvation.*

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Anne Balko, Tara Henry, Larry Tweedale, Margi
Beauchaine Kirby, and Sharon Seaberg

Nursing Home & Assisted Living:

Norma Seacrest, Pepper VanLandschoot (Jacobetti),
Pauline Elavsky (Harbour View), and Jane Guyott

In Service:

Craig Oas, Zac Culter, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson,
Mathew Moilanen, and our veterans who have returned
to their communities.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Elaine Robbins

ASSISTING MINISTER: Saturday - George Balko

Sunday - Joanie Hinsa

USHERS: Saturday - Volunteer

Sunday - The Decets

ALTAR GUILD: Marissa Graves

FELLOWSHIP HOST: The Decets



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**Volunteer to be an usher
or altar guild**

Host fellowship

**Sign up for a committee
or volunteer**

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!

Amen.

Gathering Song

#270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Greeting

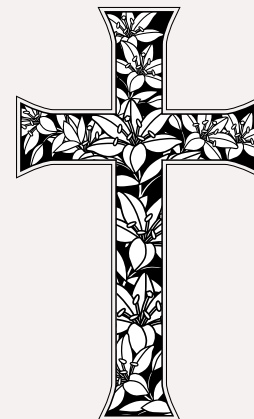
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

And also with you.

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.



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

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.

Blessing

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



Sending Song:

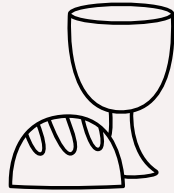
#290 Go Tell It To The Mountain

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the feast of joy!
Come, receive what God has promised.



Communion

Communion Song - see insert

Prayer after Communion

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.



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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

***R: Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God,
O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)***

¹² Worship the Lord, ¹ O Jerusalem; praise your ¹ God, O
Zion,

¹³ ***who has strengthened the bars ¹ of your gates and
has blessed your chil- ¹ dren within you.***

¹⁴ God has established peace ¹ on your borders and
satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.

¹⁵ ***God sends out a command ¹ to the earth, a word that
runs ¹ very swiftly. R***

¹⁶ God gives ¹ snow like wool, scattering ¹ frost like
ashes.

¹⁷ **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand a- | gainst 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 judg- | ments to Israel.**

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

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,

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



Offering Prayer

**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.**

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Amen.



**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.

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.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#296 What Child Is This

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 into hell, 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

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

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism.

Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.