

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today's hand bell music is an original piece written by Muriel Clauson, Bonnie Jackelen's mother. Bonnie arranged the song for hand bells. The Joyful Noise Hand Bell Choir is joined today by five women who have never before played hand bells, as this piece uses almost every bell owned by CTK.



The Longest Night An Invitation to Worship Together

Christmas can be a painful time for some. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, 'reminds many people of what they have lost or never had. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know we are not alone.

We will offer a special "Longest Night" service on December 18 at 4:00pm. Come and join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

Christmas Worship



Christmas Eve
Candlelight and Communion **4 & 10 pm**

Christmas Day
Lessons & Carols **9 am**



Help Needed for Our Worship Services to be Heard!!

Our musicians have been doing a fantastic job checking microphone sound before and during service. But it's not easy when playing instruments with both hands and feet! If you believe sound is a key part of our worship experience and you're willing to learn, please contact Betsy Murray or Beth Tradup. They will give details and train how to do a sound check and adjust sound during the service. Experience with an iPad a plus, but not mandatory.

Good Gifts Tree

Help support folks who need it as part of your Christmas gifting. See all the choices on the Giving Tree in the narthex.



Home Communion

Please let the office or Pastor Sarah know if you, or anyone you know would like a visit and communion at home this season.

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor Sarah Henrich
Organist Betsy Murray
Advent Candles The Clapper Family
Ushers Peggy Keohen, Ann Jonelle
AV Mike Stepan, Jason Clapper
Altar Guild Lori Fredericks, Lori Wills
Hospitality
Mike Wallace, Terry & Peggy Keohen

*Please stand as you are able.

Participating in our service today is The Cherub Choir, Sunday School and Confirmation Students, Lily Johnson, Grayson Yang, Sophie Simanek, Heidi Frevel, Brianna Clapper, Leah Klecker, Alex Johnson, Noah Klecker, Julia Clapper, Mallory Hoops, Klara Schneemann, Nathali Schneemann and Lauren Hoops (Cherub Choir director, Elida Olsen, Sunday School director, Stephanie Clapper, Confirmation director Erica Johnson.)

PRELUDE "Echoes from Bethlehem," by R. Peery Betsy Murray

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," ELW #276 Screen

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Screen

CANDLE LIGHTING "He Came Down," ELW #253 v. 1 Screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Come Little Children," traditional Cherub Choir Screen

LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Emmanuel," by B. McGee Screen

*GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Sarah

PROGRAM	“The Christmas Alphabet,” by J. & R. Nagy	Sunday School & Confirmation Students
*HYMN	“Away in a Manger,” <i>ELW #278</i>	Screen
OFFERING	“The Bells of Christmas,” <i>by M. Claussen, arr by B. Jackelen</i>	Joyful Noise Bells
OFFERATORY	“Lord of All Good,” <i>words by Beth Beebe Tradup</i> (sung to the tune of Joy to the World)	Screen
OFFERING PRAYER		Screen
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	“Come Now, O Prince of Peace,” <i>ELW #247</i>	Screen
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		Screen
DISTRIBUTION	“Lamb of God,” <i>ELW p. 208, setting 10</i>	Screen
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Comfort, Comfort These My People,” <i>by M. Burkhard</i>	Betsy Murray
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING		
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		
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*BENEDICTION		Screen
*SENDING HYMN	“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord,” <i>ELW # 286</i>	Screen
*SENDING FORTH		
	<i>Leaders: Go with the joy of God in your heart. Go for Christ is near. Go in peace and serve the Lord.</i>	
	All: Thanks be to God.	
POSTLUDE	“Fanfare on Wake, Awake,” <i>by M. Burkhardt</i>	Betsy Murray

Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

For generous gifts of the people of CTK.
For CTK’s Call Committee as they meet candidates.
For all Christian communities as we prepare for God’s coming among us.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For the family of Bea’s friend, Phyllis, and all who have lost loved ones this year.

THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

Harvey Schindler (family member of Sharon Scott), cancer.
Heinz Schneemann (father of Gerrit Schneemann), cancer treatment.
Tracee Schultz (daughter of Patti Rund), receiving treatment.
Chris Kløver (brother of Alvina Peterson), receiving treatment for bone cancer.
Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), recently diagnosed with leukemia.
Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.
Anne Brucker (niece of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.
Mark Peterson (son of Alvina Peterson), receiving treatment for leukemia.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

For Colleen Payette as she struggles with health issues.
For all those battling addiction to drugs & alcohol as well as all other addictions and mental health issues.
Joan Machehedt, recovering from broken shoulder.
Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.
Elaine (Lori Will’s mother) for healing broken bones after a fall.
Bob Miller (friend of Elida Olson), heart issues.

GLOBAL CONCERNS:

For the people of Ukraine and Europe as they suffer from a lack of fuel.
Our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.
Staff & students at Birch Lake Elementary.
For those being hit hard by the economic realities of war, oil prices, and post-COVID changes.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves and all those who serve to protect us.

*Please remember to contact the church office to keep the continuing prayer list current.
Prayers listed in the bulletin will also appear on the website within the bulletin.