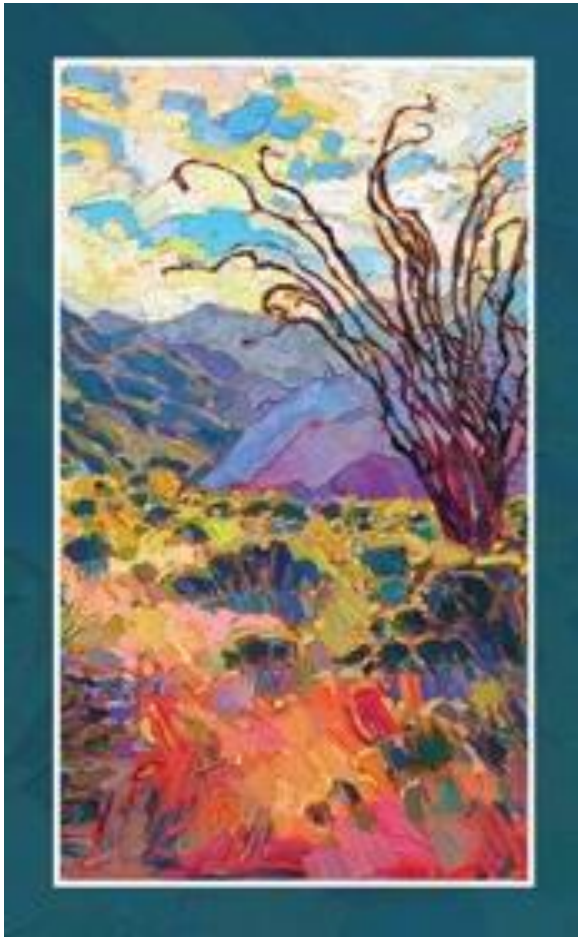


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December 14, 2025



"This is a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

Welcome to worship! We are so pleased that you are able to join us today to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, please know our door is always open to you. We welcome all our guests. If you are visiting today, please sign our Guest Book, so that we may properly acknowledge your visit with us.



Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Sue Tarkka
Worship Band: The Enduros
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner
Readers: Steve Gripp & Jean Stippich

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting- Joy

Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Jean Stippich
ELW #257 v.1,3&5

* Confession and Forgiveness

* Gathering Song

"Joy to the World"

ELW #267

* **Prayer of the Day --- Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

Isaiah 35:1-10

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10)

A: The holy Gospel, according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

* *GOSPEL READING:*

Luke 1:46b-55

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

* Song for the Message “He Reigns” The Enduros

* *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.

* The Prayers C: hear our prayer.
* Sharing the Peace C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW #840 v.1
* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION ELW pg. 145
* Lord’s Prayer
* Communion Distribution
* Communion Blessing

* Benediction
* Sending Hymn “Freedom is Coming” ACS #903

* P) Go in peace. Keep awake with infinite hope. C) Thanks be to God.

We believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and we hope you gain strength and comfort from that belief as well. All are welcome to Holy Communion. Please come forward as the ushers instruct. Elements will be distributed at altar (wine is red (outside edge), juice is amber (middle). Children who have not received first communion instruction, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

*- Denotes a time to stand during service. Please stand as you are able.
HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available. Please see an usher for assistance.



Find us on

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 2025

TODAY’S Verse:

“The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.”

Psalm 146:8

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Children will be dismissed for
Children’s Church before the
Sermon.

Thank you to today’s volunteers:
Marian Glimpse and Heidi Hansen

Pastor Sue Tarkka:
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Leah (Church Office):
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COFFEE HOUR!

Join us in the fellowship hall after
the service.



If you can help with treats served
with coffee, please sign up at the
volunteer area by the mailboxes.



*Use this QR code
for your online
giving today*

In Our Prayers

The family of Jeff Nunn, Joe Stippich, Betty Pedersen, Lea Pidgeon, Chris Erickson, Chip Freeman, Donna Morlan, Dan Morlan, Grace Traynor, Jessica, Peter & Victoria Barnick, Sophia, Rick Cedillo, Ben, Delia, Amber Morlan, Tanya Wright, Jerry Etsa, Marie Mott Stevenson, Bobbie Neward, Dylan Dossett, Barbara Latham, Doug Cox, Jake Burkholder, Louie Tremonti, Don Mott, Melinda Lickteig

Please update the office regarding any prayer requests.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

TODAY — Coffee W/ Council 10:30am
— The Freedom of a Christian Book
Study 11:00am ARR

December 16th — Choir Practice 6:00pm

Dec. 17th — Children’s Christmas Program 7pm
Sanctuary

Dec. 19th — Blue Christmas Supper @ 5:45pm
Service in the Chapel @ 6:30pm

Dec. 24th — Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelit
Services 7:30pm and 9:00pm

ELCA Good Gifts Collection- The children have a goal to raise \$380 to purchase 1 pig, 1 goat, 10 flocks of chicks, and 20 children’s clinic visits through ELCA Good Gifts. You can help us reach our goal with change, dollar bills, and donations online.



Holiday Hope

Just 2 weeks left. You can either add the food items to your box at home to be brought in for the Christmas Eve service or individual items anytime during the week. The lists of items are on the display table in the Narthex. This week we gather: Can of Refried Beans, Package of Pasta, Can of Soup, Can of Peas, Can of Meat, Package of Tortillas, and a Can of Carrots.