

Christmas Eve

King of Glory Lutheran Church

4:00 pm - Family Service



“The Best Gift Ever!”

Pastor Erik Allen



A Place to Belong

A Place **to Become**

AS WE GATHER: More than two thousand years later, the miraculous circumstances of Christ's birth still astound us; yet everything from that night—the shepherds, the angels, and the star, the virgin birth in a stable—remains in the shadow of the Child Himself. In one incredible moment, God reunited Creator and created and in doing so laid the cornerstone of humankind's redemption.



HOLY COMMUNION is the gift of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation offered by Jesus Christ to believers. All are welcome to the table. As Lutherans we believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His true Body and Blood.

(When receiving communion, the dark cup is grape juice and the light cup is wine. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request.)

Connection Cards - Please take a moment and fill out the Connection Card (one per family). It may be put in the plate during the offering or given to the ushers as you depart.



We invite you to join us Sundays. We have an Education hour for all ages at 9:00 (beginning again January 11). Worship is Blended each Sunday at 10:00 am. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday. Nursery Care is available

*Thank you for joining us this evening
as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior!*

*King of Glory Lutheran Church
Carmel, Indiana
December 24, 2025*

PRELUDE

GATHERING CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and adore Him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God...in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

P: What do you hear?

C: The music of Christmas, the joyful laughter of children, and the excited conversations of neighbors.

P: What do you see?

C: The Advent Wreath and the manger scene, the Christmas Tree, banners, happy faces, twinkling eyes, family and friends.

P: Why have we come together?

C: To sing praises to our Lord and King. To celebrate the birth of our Savior and God.

P: What do we bring this Child?

C: We bring Him prayers and requests, for He listens to us in love. We bring Him all our hopes and fears, for he extends His grace. We bring Him our love, for He is everything to us!

P: Who is this One we have come to celebrate?

C: He is Jesus, God's own Son, the Prince of Peace, born in Bethlehem to be the Savior of us all!

P: He is with us every hour and in every place. He blesses us with grace and love. He keeps us ever at His side. He holds us in His arms and comforts us with His peace.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Loving God, we come to celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to Your love and grace. May the light of Your love burn brightly in our hearts. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

C: Amen!

MESSAGE:

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CAROL

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE ANGEL

CAROL

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE SHEPHERD

CAROL

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Chorus

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!**

**The shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,
When lo! through-out the heavens, There shone a holy light. (*chorus*)**

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born! (*chorus*)**

THE MANGER

CAROL

Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side, 'til morning is nigh.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

P: We light this candle to symbolize the Light of Christ which shone in Bethlehem so long ago, yet which shines again for us this Holy Day. This Christ Candle completes the lighting of our Advent Wreath. You see that this Christ Candle is surrounded by four other candles which were lit the four weeks preceding Christmas in the Season of Advent which is a time of preparing for this day of Christ's Birth.

The first Candle we lit is called HOPE and it is a reminder that God's promises are true.

The second Candle is called PEACE, God's gentle loving peace for our lives...a peace the world cannot give.

The third Candle is called JOY, because of God's absolute presence in our Lives.

The fourth Candle is called LOVE, because of God's great love for us in the Gift of Jesus, who is the Light of the World.

Now let us declare together a SPECIAL WISH for everybody!

C: May we see the Light of Christ in one another and hear the sounds of God everywhere!

THE OFFERING

(Please drop the Connection Card in the plate with any offerings.)

You may give online by using the following QR code.



THE CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

P: Almighty God, You have filled us with the new Light of the Word who became Flesh and lived among us...

the prayers conclude with...

Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**Please turn on your candles during the Scripture Readings.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Arise, shine: for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light; live as children of light.

God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

*PRAYER

P: Almighty God, You have filled us with the new Light of the Word who became Flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above,
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Your birth, Jesus, Lord at Your birth!**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The God of love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: **Amen!**

CAROL

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!**

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

CHRISTMAS EVE SENDING

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

(Please return your candles to the boxes near the doors. Thank you.)



*Special thanks to the musical gifts provided
by our guitar players.*

Altar Poinsettias

Judy Naaman & Family	In Memory of Bill Naaman
Marian Larson	In Honor of Loved Ones
Kathy & Kim Peterson	In Memory of Carole Rahn
Steve & Susan Kraabel	In Memory of Beatrice Young
Kyla & Bob Tipword	For the Joy of the Season and in Memory of Andy Carson
Deann Wimer	In Memory of Larry Wimer, Darlene Fulton and Theresa Griffin
Hollingsworth & Copelands	In Honor of Christ's arrival and in Memory of Mildred and Earl Baily and E. Norman Baily
Joan Krueger	In Memory of Larry Krueger
Tim & Dana Franklin	In Honor of Larry and in Memory of Christopher
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of Edward, Charlotte & Gladys Buddenbaum
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of Donald & Lydia Mitchell
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of our Son David Buddenbaum
Pr. Erik, Pr. Amy & Family	In Memory of Loved Ones
Pr. Erik & Pr. Amy	In Honor of our Children
Pam Crowell	In Memory of Dring & Beth Crowell
Dan & Laura Saffen	In Memory of Richard & Virginia Saffen
Dan & Laura Saffen	In Memory of Lester & Ruth Schoenheir

