

# Joy



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## **We Enter God's Presence**

Call to Worship

Opening Song: "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"

Welcome and God's Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

Song of Praise: "*Joy, Unspeakable Joy*"

Confession and Assurance

Song: "*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*"

Announcements and Intercessory Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 –Carson Ash

Message: "**Christmas in Luke**"

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: "*What Child is This?*"

## **We Depart With God's Blessing**

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: "*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*"

# Sermon Notes



“Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself...”  
(Philippians 2:8).

This is the essence of Christmas. Jesus humbled himself so that we might be saved and God would receive the glory. That is our hope, joy, and delight, and may it be yours as you worship the living and Triune God this Sunday.

This morning Pastor Michael’s series on the Four Gospel Christmases continues with the most popular of the four, Christmas in Luke. Luke 2:1-7 will be read for us this morning by Carson Ash. We will also be lighting the Advent Candle of Joy. Next week, we will be exploring Christmas in John 1:1-14 as we light the Love Candle.

It is our plan to resume in-person worship again next Sunday, without Nursery, Little Lambs, or Worship Center. Your patience and cooperation during these last four weeks has been appreciated. As we gather in-person, please remember that masks will continue to be required, social distancing between households must be adhered to, and please refrain from gathering to visit in the back before or after worship. Also, please consider worshipping at home if you or a member of your household is not feeling well or if you are at high risk. In this way, we can continue to do our part to protect each other while also fulfilling our need to be in the presence of God’s people.

Next week Sunday, December 20, as some of us come back together, we will be participating in the Lord’s Supper. In anticipation of that, you are encouraged to take some time this week to ask the Lord to search your heart and ask him, by the Holy Spirit, to remove anything in your life that would prevent you from coming to His table to fully receive the forgiveness and grace that is offered there. If you will be worshipping with us from home, elements will be available for you to pick up at church during the week. We are also happy to deliver them to you, simply contact the church office and we will ensure you get what you need.

Though we did move our communion celebration back one week, our weekly offering schedule remains unchanged. This morning’s second offering will be for the Benevolent Fund. The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts from December 6: General Fund– \$5,520.00 and Community Christian School-\$1,749.00.

The second offering schedule for the remainder of December is as follows:

12/20– Youth Group  
12/25– Guatemala Action Project (GAP)  
12/27– The 125 Campaign

Absentee ballots were due last Monday. There were a total of 141 ballots cast, and both items you were asked to vote on passed. The budget passed by a vote of 138-3 and the upstairs remodel passed by a vote of 111-28. The new budget will be implemented on January 1st, and the remodel project will begin in the next several weeks. Anyone who would like to make a financial contribution to that project is encouraged to do so anytime in the next month or so. You may do so by bringing or mailing it to church and designating it for the project, or by using our Tithe.ly app and selecting the "Upstairs Remodel Project" option. Thank you all for your participation and support during these unique times.

Pease CRC has committed to providing volunteers in December at the **Milaca Food Pantry**. The pantry is experiencing a shortage of volunteers and could use your help. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Delores Bekius at 763-389-2977. Thank you!

**Holiday Helping Hands:** Please remember to bring your gifts back to church, unwrapped, with the mitten attached by TODAY, December 13. Thank you for helping to spread a little Christmas joy to a local family in need!

Please plan to join us either in-person or online for our traditional Christmas Morning Worship Celebration at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The service will be livestreamed, but will not be available on the radio.

## *Our Church Family*

We wish a very happy birthday to:

- ♦ **Sadie Tellinghuisen**, who celebrates 94 years on Monday, December 14.
- ♦ **Ed Winters**, who celebrates 98 years on Friday, December 18.

Prayers are requested for the family of **Rosie Van Driel**. Rosie's daughter, Gloria, has had a number of health issues over the years, including cancer. Rosie has been informed that Gloria is currently receiving hospice care, and doctors have indicated that her time on earth is short. This is a particularly difficult time since Rosie is unable to go and see her daughter to say goodbye. Please keep Rosie and her family in your prayers.

**Bob Van De Riet** remains in the hospital, but has been transferred to a rehab facility so that he can receive more intense physical therapy even as he continues to receive treatments. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Continue to be in prayer for **Curt Nobel** and **Tyler Gunnufson** as they continue their cancer treatments. We are praying for effectiveness in reducing the cancer and limited side effects.

We give thanks to God that **Kevin Koppendrayer** has completed his first round of treatment and it has gone very well for him. We pray that this, too, will be effective eliminating his cancer, but those results are a couple of months away. Kevin and Mary are grateful to their church family for the many prayers, cards, texts, and well-wishes they have received. Thank you!

Please continue to keep **Jim Kragt** in your prayers as he remains in the St. Cloud Hospital. He is improving some, but is still having trouble keeping his oxygen levels high enough and stable enough to return home.

The **Council** will meet on Monday, December 14, via Zoom. Please keep them in your prayers.

**At-home Faith Formation Tip - the Practice of Hospitality:** Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: “This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own concern.” How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

## *Calendar for the Week*

### **Sunday, December 13**

9:30 a.m. Virtual Morning Worship

### **Monday, December 14**

6:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting

7:45 p.m. Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 16**

6:30 p.m. REC Jr.

7:45 p.m. REC

## *Advance Notice*

- ♦ Join us next Sunday online or in-person to view our virtual Christmas program “2020: A Very Covid Christmas!”
- ♦ Join us online or in-person for our traditional Christmas service at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 25.

# Opportunities To Serve

**Sound Board Today, December 13:** Tom Patten

**Next Sunday, December 20:** Ryan Swanson

**Media Today, December 13:** Anita Hubers

**Next Sunday, December 20:** Linda Droogsma

**Livestream Today, December 13:** Shelly Ash

**Next Sunday, December 20:** Dylan Moorlag

**Greeters Next Sunday, December 20:**

**East Entrance:** Char DeKraker

**West Entrance:** Laura Broberg

**Ushers Next Sunday, December 20:**

**East:** Carl Veurink

**West:** Carol Veurink

**Center:** George Droogsma

## Help us spread the **JOY** of Christmas!

Send your greeting through cards! The church office is willing to help  
By delivering them to the names listed below.

Please bring your cards to church by **December 20th.**

Have their names clearly marked on the front of each envelope.

A box will be available to you inside the West door to place your cards.

Richard and Jeanette Clark

Maxine Carlson

Clara De Vries

Jean Droogsma

Joan Droogsma

Warren & Connie Geurkink

Roger Greene

Norma Hanenburg

Shirley Hanenburg

Joyce Kiel

John & Irene Kok

Adeline Nobel

Joyce Reiman

Joanne Ruis

Les Ruis

Sylvia Ruis

Louise Spoelstra

Sylvia Timmer

Bob Van De Riet

Rosie Van Driel

Joyce Vander Plaats

Eleanor Veurink

Lorraine Veurink

Ed Winters

## **2020 Shepherding Teams/Council**

### **Administrative Team**

**Elders:** Steve Hubers—President  
Carol Veurink -Vice President  
Bob Van De Riet-Clerk  
Pastor Michael Ten Haken

**Deacons:** Laura Broberg—President  
Jay Goslinga-Vice President  
Jan Pearson– Secretary

### **Shepherding Teams**

**Elders:** Morris Droogsma, George Hemmerich,  
Dennis Kiel, Merlin Koppendrayner, Mike Larsen, Bill Ruis

**Deacons:** Mike Ash, Jan Hanenburg, Don Moorlag,  
Kristi Santema, Andy Van Someren, Judy Vander Linden

**Facilitators:** Dort Brink (red), Shirley Geurkink (yellow),  
Carol Smith (purple), Sharry Kragt (orange),  
Susie Byker (blue), Kris Kiel (green)

Please contact your elder, deacon, or shepherding facilitator  
if you have any needs we can assist you with!

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