

Offering Prayer: Lord of Heaven, accept these gifts from our hearts that they may fulfill the purposes of your people. As Christ's light shines upon us, we rejoice in the opportunity to share our abundance with others. Bless these offerings to the Christ child and to our resurrected Lord. Amen.

Sending into the World

***Sending Hymn:** *The Midnight Clear* #251

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.
Please join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Peggy Davidson

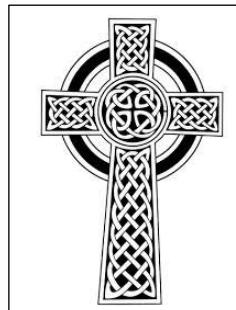
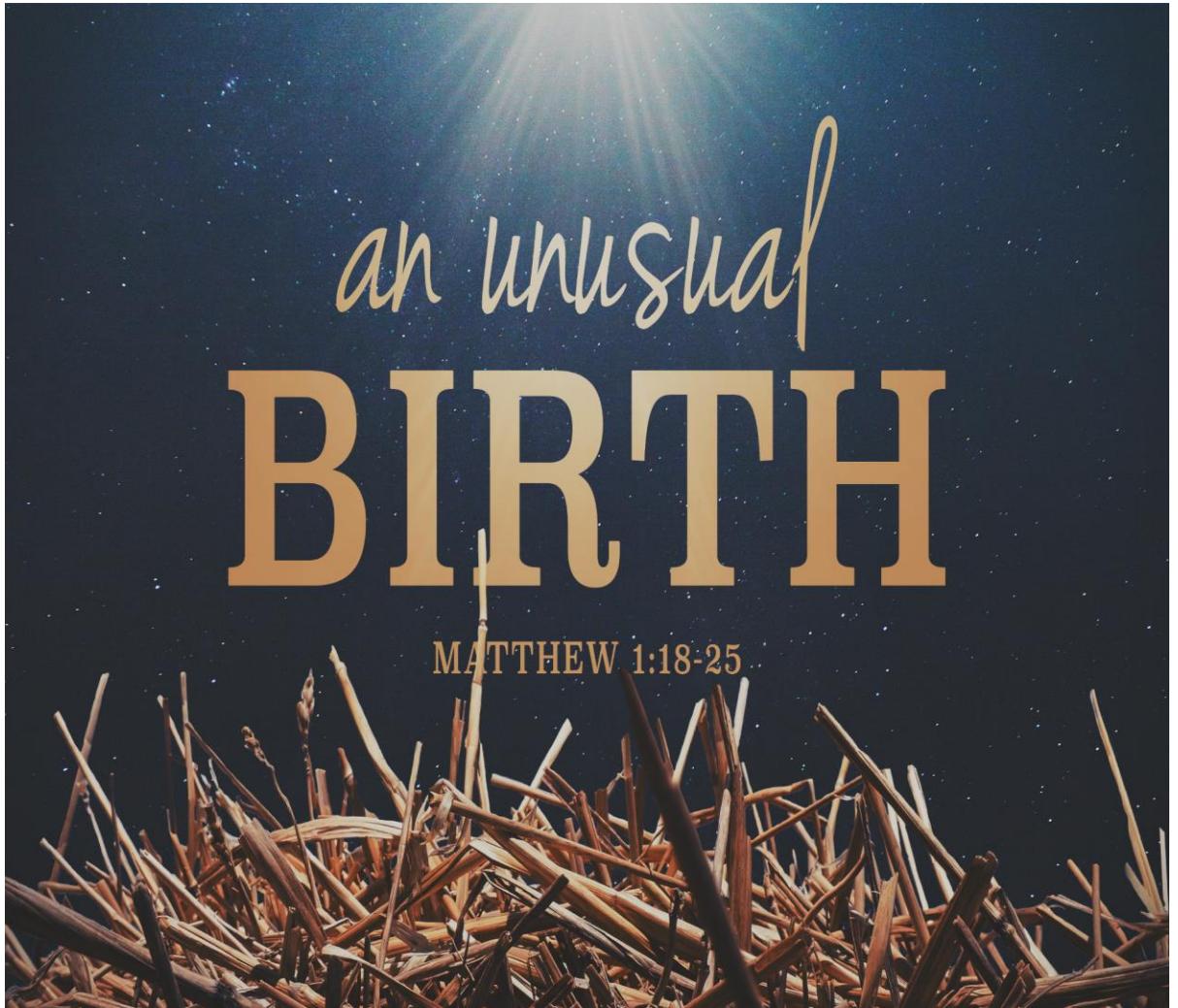
Liturgist: Susan Wismer

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Announcements:

- Food Pantry Collection for December – Pork & Beans.
- Items for January -
- Our Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service, w/Communion, will be at 5:00 P.M. this year.
- **We will collect our Christmas Joy offering today.**
- Bible Study will resume on January 12th.
- We appreciate poinsettias for the altar.

In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for those dealing with cancer; for Sharon Johnson, JoAnn Hansen, and others dealing with serious health concerns; those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



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December 21st, 2025

Welcome to Worship
December 21st, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Gathering Around the Word

Ringing of the Bell

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

John Eimers Family

Prelude: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Peggy & Susan

Invocation

***Call to Worship:**

The signs are there: God's love comes again, showering us with the light of Christ!

**O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

With anticipation of the divine, we remain expectant and marvel at the steadfast faith of Mary and Joseph.

**O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

The time is nearly upon us. Preparations are almost complete.

Are we ready for change?

**O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

Worship and praise God for these signs of hope and love!

**O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

***Hymns of Praise:** *Let's Worship and Adore Him* #247
What Can I Give Him? #263
The Birthday of a King #284

***Call to Confession:**

***Prayer of Confession:** We lay our burdens before you, O Lord, with our lives open and ready to receive your light and love. Lead us toward your Son, Jesus, Emmanuel, as we continue to wander with you in faith. Thank you for the many signs of your love, sent in your infinite wisdom. May we have the faith of Mary and Joseph, and may we be your attendants, anxious for the coming of your light once again. In the name of the Holy Child, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri** (words on screen)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hearing the Word

Scriptures: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Psalm 80:1-7

Romans 1:1-7

Hymn of Consecration:

While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

#272

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 1:18-25

Lance Griese

Congregation: "Thanks be to God"

Message:

"God Is Love"

Lance Griese

Giving of our Tithes, Gifts and Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory:

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Peggy Davidson

***Response:** *King of Kings* (Words on Screen)