

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM  
December 14, 2025**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Song: CH 269 *How Great Our Joy!*  
\*Prayer  
\*Mutual Greeting

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Songs of Praise: CH 273 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*  
CH 279 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**We Respond Through Prayer**

Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *East Martin Christian School*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-23** (P. 1497)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **The Son of God is for Us**  
Communion  
\*Song of Response: CH 270 vs. 1-3 *Joy to the World*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song CH 270 v. 4 *Joy to the World*

\*Please stand if able

**Evening Worship  
6:00 PM**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Prayer

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Opening Songs: CH 259 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
CH 266 *That Beautiful Name*  
\*Apostles Creed

**We Respond Through Prayer**

\*Song of Prayer CH 354 vs. 1-2 *I Cannot Tell*  
Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *Reach the Forgotten*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 11:28** (P. 1785)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **Am I Worthy to Come to the Table?**  
Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 30 (Page 40 back of the Psalter)  
\*Song of Response LUYH 682 *Before the Throne of God Above*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song CH 354 v. 3 *I Cannot Tell*

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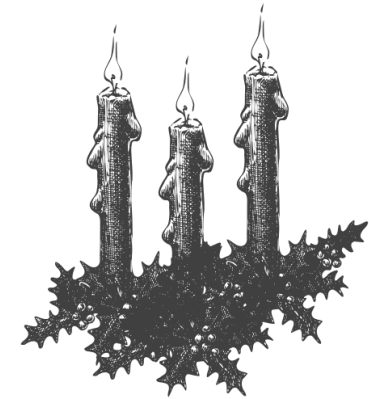
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# Joy



## 3rd week of Advent

### OUR VISION

*Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.*

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### COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Wayne Leep this week.

### OFFERINGS

**Today** AM: East Martin Christian School  
PM: Reach the Forgotten  
**Next Week** AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares

### GREETERS

**Today** AM: Seth & Keri Watson, Wayne Leep  
PM: Harold Wykstra  
**Next Week** AM: Bruce & Renee Aukema, Dave Misner  
PM: Nativity

### LIBRARY

**Today** Linda DeYoung  
**Next Week** Ida Westendorp

### NURSERY

**Today** Riley and Addison Tuinstra  
**Next Week** Jessica Tucker

### USHERS

**Today** Jacob DeYoung, Joel DeYoung, Levi DeYoung  
**Next Week** Jonathan Kalkman, Bob Katje, Bram Katje

### LORD'S SUPPER:

March 8

### OUR WEEK

December 14, 2025

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		SS Program Practice
	7:30 PM	Youth Group
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	7:00 PM	Building Committee
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

### Communion Prayer:

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Together:**

With joy we praise you, gracious God,  
for you have created heaven and earth,  
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us--  
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who came among us as the Word made flesh  
to show us your glory, full of grace and truth.  
Therefore we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

### The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it [here the minister breaks the bread] and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper [here the minister pours the wine] and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,

**All: "Our Father in heaven . . . Amen."**

Happy Birthday to Merrie Beth DenBoer who will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, December 18. May her coming year be filled with many blessings.

All articles for the Echoes are due today.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for the am service on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Join the Sunday schoolers as they present *"Twas the Night Before Christmas."* Parents please have your children to the basement by 9:20 next Sunday morning. Christmas Break is Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. **There will be a brief Christmas program practice after the service this morning.** There will be NO Sunday school or catechism classes this morning due to the Lord's Supper.

The youth group is again offering the Christmas Card service to distribute your church Christmas cards into the mailboxes. The donations collected will help the youth going on the spring break serve trip.

EMCRC will again be hosting a live nativity December 21, 5-7 pm. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone who wants to be involved, and all ages are encouraged to participate! We will need actors (no speaking parts), readers (speaking parts), carolers, set-up workers, cookie donations, various pieces of equipment, and much more. If you are interested there are sign-up sheets in the narthex. If you have questions, please ask Sara, Scott or Libby.

Ladies interested in studying Romans with us after the first of the year please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will be studying the book "In View of God's Mercies" by Courtney Doctor. Romans is a passionate letter written by Paul, a man completely captured by the beauty, mercy, and majesty of God and His glorious salvation. Paul wanted his readers, then and now, to know how amazing and all-encompassing this salvation actually is – that it's powerful, planned, eternal, free, and leads to a transformed life. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Have you been wanting to share about our church? We now have pamphlets available that give information about what we believe, times of services, and what groups are available with the times they meet. Take a few to hand out.

Martin Resource Center continues to have an increased amount of people they are assisting. Please be generous in helping them in this time. Some specific items they are in need of: noodles, rice, canned goods (including fruits, vegetables, meats and soups), spaghetti sauce, baking mixes, cereal, etc. If you would rather make a cash donation, please put Martin Resource Food Drive on the subject line or in a pew envelope. If you have any questions on specifics, please see one of the deacons or Linda DeYoung.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those that would like to go on or get more information about the church spring break trip being planned for this coming springtime. Many details are yet to be determined but if God is leading you to be a servant to others in this way, sign the sheet to stay informed as details are confirmed.

Josh and Mandy have invited East Martin CRC to visit them in their home in Uganda. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in an informational meeting with Josh and Mandy. Date TBD.

Dorr CRC is having Bethlehem Blvd again this year. It is a unique Christmas event like no other. You will have interactive experience of a village street in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm (Open House style) feel free to come anytime.

"The virgin will conceive  
and give birth to a son,  
and they will call  
Him Immanuel"  
(which means "God with us").  
Matthew 1:23



**The Advent Sermon Series:** For Unto Us!

**Sermon Title:** The Son of God is For Us!

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 1:18-23

**Sermon Outline:**

I. The Son of God Enters Our Human Mess

II. The Son of God Empowers Us to Extend Grace

**Sermon Series:** The Heidelberg Catechism

**Recap of Lord's Day 29:** This sermon teaches that Jesus, the true Bread of Life, is the only one who can satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. Earthly things fade, but Christ gives purpose, identity, and hope that last forever. He nourishes us through His Word, prayer, and especially the Lord's Supper, where He is spiritually present to strengthen our faith. Just as manna sustained Israel in the wilderness, Christ sustains us until we reach our heavenly home. In every trial and need, Jesus Himself is enough.

**Sermon Title:** Am I Worthy to Come to the Table?

**Sermon Text:** 1 Corinthians 11:28 (Numbers 9:6-13)

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 30

1. The Worthiness God Requires Is Not Perfection, But Penitence

2. The Heart of God Includes the Sick, the Weak, and the Dying

3. The Lord's Supper Strengthens Faith in Life, in Weakness, and Even in Dying