

God Gathers Us into Worship

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We Respond Through Prayer

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*Song of Response: CH 250 vs. 1-3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Please stand if able

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Scripture: **John 6:32-35** (P. 1657)
 Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **The Bread of Life**
 Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 29 (Page 39 back of the Psalter)
 *Song of Response LUYH 840 *Behold the Lamb*

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*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song LUYH 831 v. 4 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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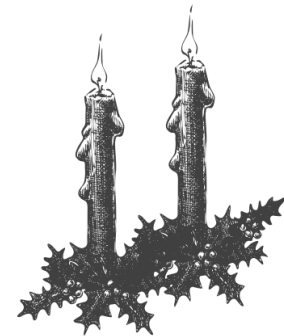
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Peace



2nd 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 Vern Klaasen this week.

OFFERINGS

Today AM: General Fund/Ministry Share
PM: Martin Resource Center

Next Week AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: Reach the Forgotten

GREETERS

Today AM: Ron & Lorraine VanderBerg, Vern Klaasen
PM: Rebekah Westendorp & Thomas Westendorp

Next Week AM: Seth & Keri Watson, Wayne Leep
PM: Harold Wykstra

LIBRARY

Today Carolyn VanderMeulen

Next Week Linda DeYoung

NURSERY

Today Laura DeMaagd

Next Week Riley and Addison Tuinstra

USHERS

Today Kevin DeKoekkoek, Chase DeMaagd, Dave DeYoung

Next Week Jacob DeYoung, Joel DeYoung, Levi DeYoung

LORD'S SUPPER:

December 14

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	December 7, 2025
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Her True North
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break

Responsive Reading of God's Law and God's Light in Jesus Christ

Leader: You shall have no other gods before Me.

People: In the Light of Christ, we turn from every false hope, for only Jesus rescues us from the darkness.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

People: In the Light of Christ, we reject all shadows and behold the glory of God in His Son.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: In the Light of Christ, we honor His holy name—proclaiming that His name alone gives light and life.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: In the Light of Christ, we rest from our works and find our peace in the One who brings us into God's eternal dawn.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: In the Light of Christ, we walk as children of God, reflecting His love and humility in our homes and relationships.

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: In the Light of Christ, hatred is driven out; His peace shines in our hearts, and we walk in love toward all.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: In the Light of Christ, purity is restored, faithfulness is renewed, and our hearts are made radiant with His holiness.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: In the Light of Christ, we trust His provision and freely share the blessings He gives.

Leader: You shall not give false testimony.

People: In the Light of Christ, truth guides our words, for falsehood fades before His brightness.

Leader: You shall not covet.

People: In the Light of Christ, we are content, for He is our greatest treasure and our everlasting joy.

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God of Light, we confess that we have loved the darkness more than the Light. We have wandered into the shadows of sin, hidden our failings, and clung to the comforts of this world. Forgive us, Lord. Shine upon us again with the grace of Christ. Dispel the darkness of our hearts, cleanse us by Your mercy, and lead us in the way of

righteousness. May the Light of Jesus awaken our faith and guide our steps in obedience and love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Leader: Hear the promise of Advent:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). In Jesus Christ, Light has come, your sins are forgiven, and your guilt is taken away.

People: Thanks be to God! The Light of Christ has dawned upon us.

Leader: Walk, then, as children of the Light—for the darkness is fading, and the true Light is already shining.

People: We walk in hope, in joy, and in the radiant grace of Christ, our Light in the darkness.

Announcements

This morning we welcome Joshua Amaezuchi who will be sharing with us about the ministry of LEMA (Leadership Education Mission Alliance) Institute. There will be baskets in the back for an offering for this ministry.

Larry and Phyllis Tuinstra celebrated 65 years of marriage on December 2. Their family would like to invite you to celebrate this special occasion of theirs with cake during the Fellowship coffee time after the service.

Ladies Evening Bible Study is meeting Monday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm.

The Faith Promise giving sheets are still available. Please prayerfully consider what you feel God leading you to give for the coming year. The four missionaries are the ones our church has pledged to support. East Mart Ministries is money for short term mission trips for church members, or local mission projects, or sending GEMS or Cadets to SON-Life Camp, etc. Just fill out the bottom and drop it in the collection plate. Keep the top for your reminder. Any questions ask a deacon or an Outreach Committee member.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for the morning service on December 21st. Join the Sunday schoolers as they present “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Our Education Christmas Break for Sunday School and Catechism is scheduled to begin December 21 after the Christmas Program, and classes will resume on Sunday, January 4th.

The youth group would like to thank all who came to the Thanksgiving breakfast. We really appreciate your continued support as we have hopes of at least some of us joining the spring Break Serve trip. We will also be starting the Christmas Card service to distribute your church Christmas cards into the mailboxes.

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.

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.

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 18th & 19th from 6:30-8:30 pm (Open House style) feel free to come anytime.

The Advent Sermon Series: For Unto Us!

Sermon Title: The Great Light in the Land of Deep Darkness

Sermon Text: Isaiah 9:2

Sermon Outline:

1. The Darkness of this Broken World

2. The Dawning of God's Great Light

Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism

Sermon Title: The Bread of Life

Lord's Day 29

Sermon text: John 6:32-35

Introduction:

Three Major Views of the Lord's Supper

1. Roman Catholic View – Transubstantiation
2. Ulrich Zwingli – Memorialism
3. John Calvin – Spiritual Real Presence

Sermon Points:

1. The Bread of Life and Our Deepest Need

2. The Bread of Life and the Sanctification of the Church

3. The Bread of Life for our Journey in the Faith