

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM
December 21, 2025**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Song: CH 265 vs. 1, 2, & 6 *The First Noel*
*Prayer
*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 271 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*
CH 256 vs. 1 & 3 *Love Has Come*
'Twas the Night Before Christmas Children's Program
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *General Fund/Ministry Shares*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-23** (P. 1497)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **The True King of the Jews!**
*Song of Response: CH 285 vs. 1 & 3 *O Holy Night*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

*Please stand if able

COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Dave Misner this week.

OFFERINGS

Today AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
Christmas Day Benevolence
Next Week AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: Zion Christian School

GREETERS

Today AM: Bruce & Renee Aukema, Dave Misner
Christmas Day Joe DeKoekkoek
Next Week AM: Randy & Mary Bouman, Cameron Tuinstra
PM: Marcia Bouman

LIBRARY

Today Ida Westendorp
Next Week Rena Lynema

NURSERY

Today Jessica Tucker
Next Week Jen, Violet and Willow Tuinstra

USHERS

Today Jonathan Kalkman, Bob Katje, Bram Katje
Next Week Dave Meyer, Tom Rook, Keith Smit

LORD'S SUPPER:

March 8

Sunday

Thursday

OUR WEEK

December 21, 2025

8:00 AM Prayer Group
10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee
5:00 PM Nativity
9:30 AM Christmas Day Service

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Dave Misner

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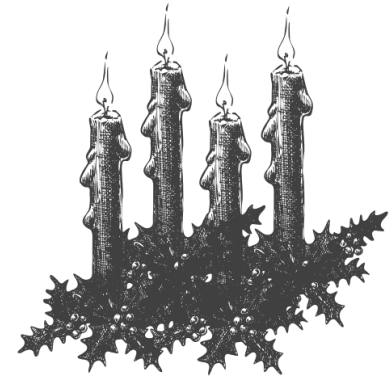
Kevin Bouman

Kevin DeKoekkoek, Stan Leep,
Tim Westendorp, Dave Misner
Ron VandenBerg, Chase DeMaagd
Thomas Westendorp, Scott Tuinstra
Harold Wykstra

OUTREACH

Cameron Tuinstra
Glenn & Nancy Leep
Bruce Mejeur
Deb Smit
Scott & Jen Tuinstra

Love



4th 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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The Advent Sermon Series: For Unto Us!

Sermon Title: The True King of the Jews!

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-23

Sermon Outline:

I. Let Us Worship the One True King

Worship the King by Faith

Worship the King with Joy

Worship the King in Humility

Worship the King in our Offering

Worship the King with Obedient Lives

II. Let us Cast Away Our Idols and Submit to King Jesus

Responsive Reading of God's Law in light of Christ's Kingship

Leader: "You shall have no other gods before Me." — Exodus 20:3

People: "The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice." — Psalm 97:1

Leader: The Lord declares His rightful rule over all.

"For the LORD is our Judge; the LORD is our Lawgiver; the LORD is our King; He will save us." — Isaiah 33:22

People: "We will serve the LORD our God and obey His voice."
(Joshua 24:24)

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

People: "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You." (Psalm 73:25)

Leader: The wise men came to worship the true King. "They fell down and worshiped Him." (Matthew 2:11)

People: "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" (Psalm 95:6)

Leader: True worship leads to obedience. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

People: "Let us walk in the light of the LORD." (Isaiah 2:5)

Prayer of Confession:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we often resist Your rule. We fear surrender, cling to control, and protect lesser kingdoms in our hearts. We confess that we want Jesus near, but not always on the throne. Forgive us for divided loyalties. Dethrone every false king within us, and teach us again to fall down and worship our true King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ is not a king who takes life, but the King who gives His life for His people. Through His cross and resurrection, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In Christ, you are forgiven, freed from false rulers, and welcomed into His gracious kingdom.

People: Thanks be to God.

The annual Christmas program is scheduled for this morning during the service. The Sunday schoolers will present *"Twas the Night Before Christmas."* The education Christmas break begins after this morning's service, and classes will resume again on Sunday, January 4th. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Tonight is the live nativity from 5-7 pm. Come and 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.

The youth group is again offering 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.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Angels

Spencer Tucker
Sadie DeYoung
Madison Tucker
Estelle Rillema

Shepherds

Ioenne Trinidad
Caden DeMaagd
Kari Rillema
Jackson Leep
Wyatt DeMaagd

Speakers

Boaz Katje
Vocean Rillema
Ioanne Trinidad
Carsen DeMaagd
Landen Tucker

Star

Willow Tuinstra