



DILWORTH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAITH DRIVEN AND HOME FOCUSED DISCIPLESHIP,
STEWARDSHIP, AND SERVICE



10:30am Sunday Worship
December 21, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn

CCLI Song # 7071465 Christy Nockels © 2016 Sweater Weather Music

Verse 1

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

Chorus

So here I wait in hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear

Verse 2

Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come **(Chorus)**

OPENING SONG

#283 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1 & 4)

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: **(Refrain)**

OPENING BLESSING

P: Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C: Amen.

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

C: All hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C: Amen.

WELCOMING SONG

O Come Little Children

CCLI Song # 5832677 Christoph von Schmid | Johann Abraham Peter Schulz | Melanie Schulte | Mona Rejino © Words: Public Domain; Music: 2010 Broadman Press

Verse 1

O come, little children,
O come, one and all!
O come to the cradle
In Bethlehem's stall;
The bright star will guide us
And show us the way
To Jesus who's lying
Asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

O come, everybody,
O come to the stall,
With hearts full of love
For this baby so small.
O sing, little children,
To Him you adore;
O sing with the angels,
Sing peace evermore!

DILWORTH CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday Preschool - 5th Grade

PRAISE SONG

Glory Be to the Newborn King

Music "Il Est Ne le Divin Enfant", trad. French, arr. J.Y. c 1968 John C. Ylvisaker

Refrain

Glory Be to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, hear the angels singing.
Glory be to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, hear the anthem ring.

Verse 1

Joseph walked toward Bethlehem,
past the great Jerusalem,
journeyed on till early morn,
to the place he had been born. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

There he was to stay a while
with his wife who was with child.
In a manger, cold and bare,
her firstborn was cradled there. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

There were shepherds in the field,
good news was to them revealed.
Glory from the Lord came down,
filled the hillsides all around. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Gabriel said, "Be not afraid!
There's no need to be dismayed.
Here the Savior King is born;
worship him this early morn. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of all time, your Word became flesh and
walked among us. Receive our gratitude and awe for
all that you have done through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Pastor Elizabeth Hiller

SONG OF THE DAY

#276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.

Verse 1

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Verse 2

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Otto Earl Hawk

Born on May 22, 2025, child of Jared and Laura Hawk is proudly sponsored by Justin Hawk and Ellie Vestch from whom he will receive guidance in the Word of our Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND APOSTLES' CREED

After each petition: We renounce them.

...Do you believe in God the Father?

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

A: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Rylee with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

L: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

A: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Together we pray for:

A: Andrea Miller, Michele McLaughlin, Valorie Steichen, Elsie Bjorndahl, Jan Burnside, Lorna Kennedy, Ron Zimmerman, Jody Emmerich, Jim Conway, Paige Tollefson, Nicole Kunza Robinson, Roger Rudolph, Jeff Little, and Jess Radeck.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF GOD

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OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Shared by Kris Nelson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (pg. 144)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145)

C: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

#296 *What Child is This*

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Verse 1

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Verse 2

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Verse 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

#279 *O, Little Town of Bethlehem*

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

Verse 3

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Verse 4

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

COMMUNION PRAYER

*P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy
and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the
name of Jesus.*

C: Amen.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*P: May God who comes among us, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in
the darkness, and good news to share today and
always.*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

#289 Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **(Refrain)**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sunday PreK-5th Grade Christmas Pageant

Narrators: Hannah Desjarlais, Aly Fischer,
and Lauren Ose

Joseph: Daniel King

Mary: Hadlyn Randall

Innkeeper: Thor Tollagson

Donkey: Eli Meek

Animals: PreK and kindergarten students

Shepherds: 1st - 2nd grade boys

Angels: 2nd - 5th grade girls

Wisemen: 3rd - 5th grade boys

Star: Clara Hiller

Pianist: Caysen Altobelli and Kris Nelson

Readings are from *The Rhyme Bible Storybook* by L.J. Sattgast

Songs

- It's Christmas Medley by Chris Tomlin
- Joy to the World

Thank you, teachers and helpers, for your commitment to church school and pointing students to the real reason for the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



If you are new to Dilworth Lutheran or would like more information about our congregation, please take a minute to fill-out a "Connection" card which is located on the welcome table at the sanctuary doors and on our website.

On the Web: dilworthlutheran.org
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10:30 am Worship Volunteers - 12/21/25

This month's Faith And Care Chair-person is Sandy Stulz; for questions on volunteering, call 701-261-8433, or signup to serve outside the sanctuary.

Ushers:

Communion: Margo Flyberg

Screens:

Fellowship: Youth Caramel Roll Fundraiser

Readers: Alicia King

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WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sundays at 8:30 AM in-person

Sundays at 10:30 AM in-person and streamed live

Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM in-person

Dilworth Lutheran Church livestreams our 10:30am service. To avoid being in view of the camera, please remain behind the front 5 pews in the sanctuary.

Thank you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



December 17 and 21, we welcome new members to our Dilworth Lutheran Church family. Each brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Their faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Look for an opportunity to introduce yourself today!

Dan and Chevy Benson

Hawley

Justine, Tobias, Truman

Dan and Chevy and their kids make their home in Hawley. Both work for Sanford Medical in Fargo, Dan as an architect and Chevy as a nurse. Their days are full with work, kids' activities, and regular volunteering with care for the homeless and people in foster care. All five Bensons have jumped into life at DLC in Church School, confirmation and Wednesday dinners. They come to Dilworth Lutheran from Good Shepherd in Moorhead.

Dawn Fischer

West Fargo

Dawn recently relocated to West Fargo from Jamestown. Her days are filled as an auditor for Bell Bank, with family, as a caregiver for her dad and as a community volunteer in the local running community. Dawn is an avid runner and got to know Dilworth Lutheran through running friends, Pastor Elizabeth and Nikki Hersrud. Dawn hopped into the 8:30am Sunday worship service and enjoys coffee hour with new friends. Dawn comes to Dilworth Lutheran from Metropolitan Baptist Church in Fargo.

Dakota and Breanne Flippen

Moorhead

Carson

After some years doing traveling work, the Flippen family returned to Breanne's childhood community here in Dilworth. You'll often find the Flippens at 10:30am worship, and you'll see Carson at Sunday Church School. Dakota is a native Texan, and will grow to love to the cold. Breanne spends her in HR for Pack Power, and their family will grow this spring with the arrival of a new baby. They transfer membership here from First Lutheran, Fargo.

Jane Monson

Dilworth

Jane moved to Dilworth this fall from her long-term home in Madison, Minnesota. After a career in court administration, Jane is jumping into retirement in watching her grand-kids' activities, in church Bible studies, and in the Dilworth Lutheran Choir. Jane was widowed last winter, and is grateful to live across the street from her daughter and grand-kids, who are also Dilworth Lutheran people, Amy Monson and Paul, Alee, Jordan, and Crosby Quick.



FINANCIAL NUMBERS AS OF: NOVEMBER 30, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$38,553	\$383,568
Designated Offering:	\$6,027	\$157,683
Other Revenue:	\$3,464	\$55,481
Total:	\$48,044	\$596,732
General Expenses:	\$31,384	\$447,293
Designated Expenses:	\$3,142	\$64,457
Mortgage/Build:	\$7,067	\$83,820
Total Expenses:	\$41,593	\$595,570
**Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our Simply Giving Program. Sign up on our website (www.dilworthlutheran.org) or fill out the form in the office.		

2025 MISSION GIVING

Local Missions:	\$11,695	78%	Goal of \$15,000
ELCA Synod Missions:	\$11,018	73.5%	Goal of \$15,000

BUILDING A FUTURE CAMPAIGN FUND

Pledge for Date Range:	\$657,901.27
Amount Given by People who have Pledged:	\$665,836.08
Difference:	\$7,934.81
Percent of Pledges Paid:	101.21%
Non-Pledged Gifts:	\$162,111.33
Amount Given in excess of pledge:	\$104,359.01
Total Donated for Date Range:	\$827,947.41

End of Year Giving

Please note that if you would like to have donations noted on your 2025 Giving Statements, they must arrive in the church office or be postmarked by 12/31. Thank you!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	12/21	Worship @8:30am Praise Band Practice @9:30am Coffee Fellowship w/Youth Caramel Roll Fundraiser @9:30am Sunday School Classes @9:30am PreK-5th Grade Sunday Christmas Pageant and Worship @10:30am Junior Bell Choir @11:30am Private Event in West Wing/Sanctuary @1:30-6:00pm
Mon.	12/22	Private Event in West Wing/Sanctuary @7:00-9:30pm
Tue.	12/23	Staff Mtg. @ 12:30pm Dominos @12:30pm
Wed.	12/24	Open Walk @9:00am Christmas Eve Family Worship @3:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship @4:30pm Private Event in Sanctuary and FLC @6:00pm-9:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship @10:00pm
Thu.	12/25	Offices closed in observation of Christmas AA Meeting @8:00pm (Faith Room)
Sun.	12/28	Praise Band Practice @8:45am Coffee Fellowship @9:00am Worship with Carols @9:30am Coffee Fellowship @10:30am Private Event in West Wing/Sanctuary @1:30-6:00pm
Mon.	12/29	Private Event in West Wing/Sanctuary @7:00-9:30pm
Tue.	12/30	Staff Mtg. @ 12:30pm Dominos @12:30pm
Wed.	12/31	Open Walk @9:00am NO Wednesday Church Ministries Private Event in Sanctuary @7:00pm-12:00am
Thu.	1/1	Office closed in observation of New Years



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