

December 28, 2025

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Prelude *Come thou long expected Jesus* No. 300

Announcements

Introit *Just as I am* No. 453

***Call to Worship** Ps. 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***Hymn of Praise** *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 248

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law Exodus 20:14 (Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the divine purpose for the incarnation of Christ: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen nature and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like me. We plead your forgiveness and pardon in his redeeming name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Titus 3:5-7

[H]e saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Savior, Like a Shepherd* No. 525

Scripture Reading Esther 1:1-22 (Pew pg. 410/LP pg. 512)

Westminster Shorter Catechism **pg. 970**

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering *Amazing Grace* No. 433

***Doxology** No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Psalm 23 C

Sermon *What Just Happened?* John 1:1-18 (Pew pg. 886/LP pg. 1106)

Question:

1. Do you ever feel like there is nothing to look forward to after the excitement of Christmas has passed?
2. People often wish people all the best during the Christmas season, but what's backing up their best wishes?
3. What really happened when the Christ came?
4. How has the Christ's coming changed everything forever?

***Hymn of Response**

Joy To The World

No. 299

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

No. 311

*** Congregation: Please stand as able.**

Musician AM
Intercessory Prayer
Guest Speaker

Emily Thevenin
Chris Erickson
Franz Von Stagl

Songs for Next Week

Psalm 34 C

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jesus Paid It All

No. 291

No. 276

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/28

10:30 AM

No Sunday School
Worship AM Service
No Worship PM Service

FRI 1/2

Youth Event

SUN 1/4

10:30 AM
5 PM

No Sunday School
Worship AM Service – LORD's Supper
Worship PM Service

Serving the Lord

	12/28/25	1/4/26	1/11/26
Nursery During Sunday School	N/A	Kelli Stagl	Cassy Erickson
Nursery During AM Service	N/A	Lorrie Martin & Nora Jones	Calla Bailey & Grace Martin
Nursery During PM Service	N/A	Grace Martin	N/A
Greeters	Jane Erspamer	Lash Family	Judy Rogers
Treats/ Clean	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Elijah Tummond	Joel Tummond
Elder	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
Deacon	Nick Jones	Ken Erickson	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	Jim Martin	N/A

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***Volunteers Needed:** Good Shepherd is excited to partner with ANEW Ministries (a local ministry that supports young mothers) to host a Mom's Mixer at our church. This mixer is a casual event designed to build relationships between young moms in Porter County, the ministry, and the church. We are looking for 7 female volunteers on Wednesday, Jan 14 from 5pm-8pm. Dinner will be provided. You will either be a table host or nursery volunteer - contact Deanna Curtis with any questions.