



# *Pinawa Lutheran Church*

A congregation of the ELCIC and The Brokenhead Shared Ministry

*Altruism, Stewardship, Faith, and Cooperation*

*December 21, 2025*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*Officiating: Pastor Deborah Moroz*

## **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** **Setting Ten - Page 203**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Hymn 240 - *Light One Candle*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Long-expected God, we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbours. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. **Amen****

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

✚ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Saviour. **Amen**

**GATHERING SONG** Hymn 239 - *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**GREETING**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Glory be...*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith,**

**that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16**

10 The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” 13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

**PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 18 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring

about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia!*

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-25

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."*

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Hymn 294 - *In the Bleak Midwinter*

**CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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**PEACE**

**OFFERING:** Offering plate is on the entrance table.

**What have we to offer?** What have we to share?  
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.  
God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?  
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;  
dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;  
truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Lives ..... we will live.

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**      Hymn 266 - *All the Earth Is Hopeful*

**DISMISSAL**

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**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month – 10am.

**IRONWOOD SERVICE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

- ▶ Lydiatt – St. John's Lutheran @ 6:00pm - Communion
- ▶ Ostenfeld – Ostenfeld Lutheran @ 4:30pm - Communion
- ▶ River Hills – St. Paul Lutheran @ 5:00pm
- ▶ Whitemouth – Redeemer Lutheran @ 7:00pm
- ▶ Pinawa – Pinawa Lutheran joining PCF @ 7:00pm
- ▶ Lac du Bonnet – Lutheran Church of the Cross @ 7:00pm
- ▶ Beausejour – Zion Lutheran @ 4:30pm

**LESSONS & CAROLS:** December 28, 9:15am – joint worship PLC/PCF

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