

**December 28, 2025**  
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**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*If you are a member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to join us today for Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that the celebration of the Lord's Supper is the eating and drinking of the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. We also believe that Holy Communion is a sign of oneness of faith, life, and worship.*

*If you have not communed with us before and would like to receive Communion, we ask that you please visit with one of the elders on duty or one of the Pastors so that we may be of help to you concerning your participation in this Holy Supper.*

*Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve 7 PM will rebroadcast on Algona TV

Mon, Dec 29 at 7 PM & Tues, Dec 30 at 1 PM.

New Year's Eve (with communion) – Wed, Dec 31, 6 PM

Saturday Worship will resume January 3 at 5 PM.

**Readings for December 28, 2025 –**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.

<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**Epistle**

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:13–23*

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”