

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2021

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Zachary W. Johnson, Pastor

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Order of the Liturgy

Festive Prelude

Carols For Brass

David Russell – Trumpet

Kristin Tarsala – Trombone

Bryan Rose – Baritone

Douglas Shabe – Bass Trombone

O Come All Ye, Faithful – John Francis Wade

Pastor Zach and Katherine Johnson

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion from “Messiah” – G.F. Handel

Michelle Tune - Soprano

There is No Rose of Such Virtue – Trad.

Nowell Sing we Both All and Some – Trad.

Dr. Claire Fedoruk – Soprano

Dr. Douglas Shabe - Baritone

Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day – Trad.

In the Bleak Midwinter – Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst

Gaudete – Trad.

Dr. Fedoruk – Soprano

Michelle Tune – Alto

Scott Swink – Tenor

Dr. Shabe - Bass

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne – arr. James Southbridge

Grace Lee

Jesu Bambino – Pietro Yon

Scott Swink – Tenor

Dr. Shabe - Baritone



Hill Ave Grace
Lutheran Church

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS LITANY

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

Oh, come let us worship him.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of darkness, on them the light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, the glory of the Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. With Mary and Joseph, with the angels and shepherds, and with the animals in the stable we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us, and fill us with joy and wonder as we look upon this manger scene. May Jesus be born in our lives, that we might share his love with all the world, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

NATIVITY HYMN

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**Lector: Dave Cuatt**

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming****ELW 272**


1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.

PSALM: Psalm 96 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

Lector: Kris Pilon

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

GOSPEL READING, Part 1 - Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav' n.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

GOSPEL READING, Part 2 - Luke 2:8-14

Lector: David Russell

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

GOSPEL READING, Part 3 – Luke 2:15-20

Lector: David Russell

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

sung by Kylie Rodriguez

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king!”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

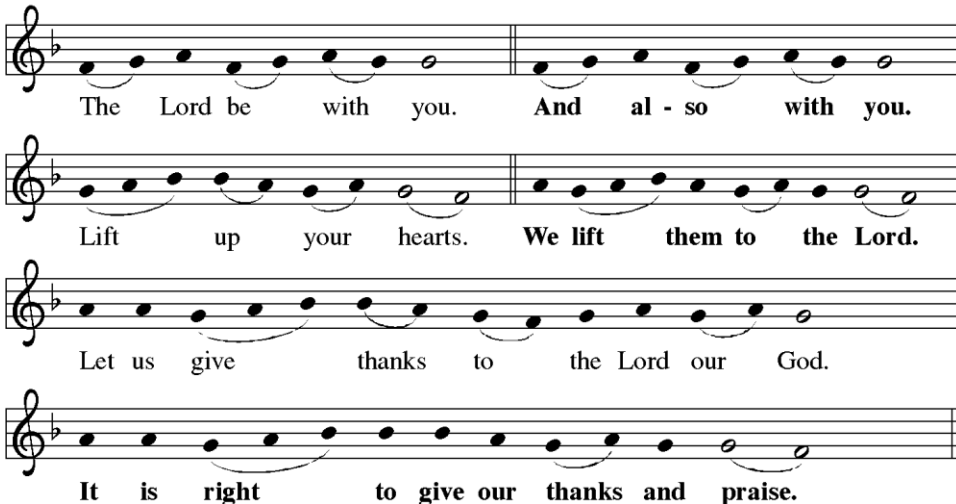
Each petition ends with "Merciful God." The assembly responds with "Hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

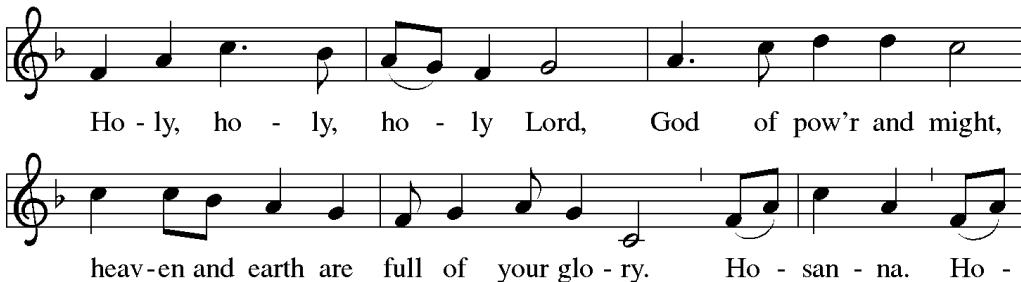
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Spoken by the presiding minister.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister begins the prayer.

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: "The body of Christ given for you." Wine/grape juice: "The blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION HYMN

What Child Is This

ELW 296

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep in his grace, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All speak the prayer together.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.

As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The congregation may light a candle in their homes. Candles may be extinguished after the Prayer of Light.

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. May the light of these candles point us to the true light, which enlightens everyone, our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the light of Christ bless us and keep us from all darkness, for Christ Jesus is our hope and salvation.

Amen.

CANDLELIGHT HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

ELW 281

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

PRAYER OF LIGHT

Most merciful God, we give thanks to you that, on this holiest of nights, you blessed the whole world with the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. May the light of Christ shine brightly in us, so that we forever remember the gift of Immanuel. We pray that, as we go out into the night, may Christ's light radiate from us so that it becomes a beacon of hope to all who are shrouded by darkness. We pray this in name of the new born king, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN**Joy to the World****ELW 267**

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Grace Lee

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A special thank you to Candy Farrell, Marsha Green & Bonnie Henry who crafted and donated the ornaments on the smaller Christmas trees in the altar area.

Mark Your 2022 Calendar:	
March 2nd	Ash Wednesday
April 17th	Easter Sunday

Join us for Christmas Eve Virtual Candlelight Service with Special Music and Preludes starting at 4:30 PM. Service starts at 5 PM. You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshipping together!

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Time: Dec 24, 2021 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Many thanks to the members and friends of Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church who have donated poinsettias and have aided in the beautification of our church sanctuary this Christmas season.

Karen DeGilio: In Loving Memory of my Mike, our parents, and others. Grateful to God for His love, care & all my sweet family.

Dick and Diane Branson: In Memory of our parents Mildred & Paul Branson and Hazel & Herbert Kuehne; and in Thanksgiving for our children: Kathleen, Ken and Karen and their families.

Ken and Gretchen Sterling: for Loved Ones Here & Past

Lija Kalejs: In Memory of my sister, Nora Moolenkamp, and my father, Karlis Kalejs; and in Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ's birth.

Anita Mork and Fred Garcia: In Memory of loved ones.

Hal and Barbara Mills: In Memory of our parents, relatives and Barbara's sister; and in Honor of Jesus' birth; and in Thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Mel and Linda Solberg Kirksey: In Memory of our parents.

Dave and Pat Fortmeier: In Honor of our 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, and the beautification of our sanctuary.

The Shabe Family: In Memory of those whom we remember.

Karen McClure: In Memory of Bill McClure and Roxanne Lafontaine.

Karen and Dick Rowse: In Memory of our parents.

Carrie Dyer and Dr. Ralph Jung: In Memory of Charles Stanley Dyer, and Geri Y. Dyer Jung.

Donna and Bob Menzies: In Memory of our parents Donald & Sally Sandmeyer and Robert & Ethel Menzies; and in Thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren: Rob & Linda (Robby & Olivia), and Mark & Lelia.

Maureen Frahm: In Memory of Robert Frahm and Betty Haag.

Barbara and Doug Swisher: In Memory of our parents J. Harold & Melba Berg and Glenn Swisher & Elaine Szabo; and in Thanksgiving for our children and extended family; and in Celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Vicki & Bill Bromley.

The Rozman family: In Memory of our parents, Jerrold & Dorothy Thorpe and Edit & Jack Rozman.

Bill and Vicki Bromley: In Thanksgiving for Shelly Baum, with Love from the Bromleys; and in Thanksgiving for our granddaughters: Daisy, Leilani, Sierra, and Aurora.

Shirley Gudal and family: In Memory of Dennis Gudal with love and remembrance of your 80 years. We miss you!

A special thank you to Anita Mork & Fred Garcia for organizing the poinsettias this year, 2021.