

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Romsdal Lutheran Church**  
**December 24, 2025 4 p.m.**

Prelude.....Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Reading.....Anne Rosgaard

Opening Hymn..... "Angels We Have Heard on High" .....#132

**Christmas Litany** (read responsively)

Gracious, generous God:

On this day we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Your Self in human form.

**We celebrate the Son of God.**

We are transfixed by the story of Jesus.

We looked for a warrior;

**You sent a baby.**

We looked for royalty;

**You were born to peasants.**

We looked for power

**You showed us meekness.**

We looked among rulers and politicians;

**You were found among cattle and shepherds.**

We looked for military victory;

**You gave us resurrection.**

We looked for riches;

**You gave us selflessness.**

We looked for a king;

**You gave us a servant.**

We worship Jesus, the humble hero of God's Redemption Story.

May we become more sensitive to the themes of that story

**seeking peace,**

**humbling ourselves,**

**looking for glory in lowly places.**

May we recognize our part in the story,

**our place as Christ-followers**

**our calling to gentleness and humility**

**our opportunities to give our most profound gifts.**

May we grow ever more like Jesus, and live in the light of His presence  
and example. **Amen.**

Hymn..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" .....#141

**First Lesson** **Isaiah 9:2-7** [2](#) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.[3](#) You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.[4](#) For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.[5](#) For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.[6](#) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.[7](#) Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Hymn**..... "What Child Is This?" .....#137

**Second Lesson** **1 John 4:7-16** [7](#) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.[8](#) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.[9](#) In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.[10](#) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.[11](#) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.[12](#) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.[13](#) By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.[14](#) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.[15](#) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.[16](#) So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**Gospel** **Luke 2:1-14** [1](#) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.[2](#) This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.[3](#) And all went to be registered, each to his own town.[4](#) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,[5](#) to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.[6](#) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.[7](#) And she gave birth to

her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.<sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Chris**

**Message...**“Quiet Night, Quiet Savior”...Luke 2:1-14..... Pastor Chris

**Offering Hymn**.....“O Come, All Ye Faithful” .....#145

**Our prayer for Christmas:**

Dear Jesus, You have brought to our dark and dingy world your true Light of love. May Your illumination of all souls bring us to true knowledge of You and Your will, and the courage to practice what you teach now and in the days to come. In Your Name we pray. Amen

**Hymn**.....“Silent Night” .....#147

**Candle-lighting** (please tip unlit candle to the flame of the lit candle)

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Please remember in prayer:** Debbie Gilbertson, Sue Sandvig, Orville & Carol Sorlie, Alan Perry, Judy Perry, Gary Johnson, Barb Gillespie, Don Paulson, Kristi Carpenter, special prayers for Emmerson Paulson, Cassandra Sunderland (Niece of Mary Eliason), Jayne Ratzlaff (sister of Sharyl Ochsner and Janyce Johnson) who is dealing with medical complications, Dakota Fozzard (Barb Gillespie’s granddaughter) those experiencing natural disasters, our Nation, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

**Worship Opportunities**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Parish Worship at Trinity w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Parish Worship at Romsdal



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