

Morning Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025

CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL... "GOD WITH US" MATT 1:23

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Song of Praise: (insert) *Joy Has Dawned*

HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS MATT 1:21

- Call to Confession
- Song of Confession: (insert) *His Mercy Is More*
- Assurance of Pardon

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST LUKE 2:14

- God's Will for Our Lives
- Congregational Prayer

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY LUKE 2:10

- * Hymn of Preparation: 310:1,3,6 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7
- Message: **FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN**
- Prayer of Application

- * Hymn of Response: 269:1,4,5,7 *The People That in Darkness Sat*
- Offering: Christian Education Fund (received during song)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

- Exhortation (pg. 53)
- Communion
- Thanksgiving Offertory Prayer

PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED! LUKE 2:14

- Hymn of Thanksgiving: 318 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
- Offering: Benevolence Fund (received during song)

- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 567 *Doxology* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

December 21, 2025 AM

Rev. Jon Bushnell

1. The Darkness We Cannot Escape (vv. 1-2)

2. The Light God Has Given Us (vv. 3-7)

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. In what ways are you tempted to explain your sin mainly by circumstances rather than by your own heart?
2. How does Isaiah's description of "walking in darkness" help you better understand your need for a Savior, not just help?
3. What difference does it make that Isaiah speaks of the light as already having dawned – before Christ was even born?
4. How does the promise that "the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" give you hope in your ongoing struggle with sin?
5. How does fully accepting the bad news about your sin help you rejoice more deeply in the good news of Christ?

Evening Order of Worship

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IMMANUEL WHICH MEANS, "GOD WITH US" MATT 1:23

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Hymn of Praise: 212 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS MARK 1:3; ISAIAH 40:3

- * The Nicene Creed (pg. 852)
- * Hymn of Response: 466 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD LUKE 1:46

- Psalm 138
- Psalm of Response: 138B *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD LUKE 2:38

- Congregational Prayer

THE WORD BECAME FLESH JOHN 1:14

- * Psalm of Preparation: 121A *I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills*
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52, Q/A 127 (pg. 896)
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture: John 15:1-7
- Message: **APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING**
- Prayer of Application

DEPART IN PEACE, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD LUKE 2:29

- * Hymn of Response: 537 *Jesus, Master, Whose I Am*
- Offertory Prayer
- Hymn of Thanksgiving: 319 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
- Offering: General Fund (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 117B *Praise the LORD God, All You Nations* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52, Q/A 127
Scripture: John 15:1-7
December 21, 2025 PM
Dr. Doug Schlegel

1. Introduction
2. The True Vine and the Vinedresser (vv. 1-4)
3. The True Vine and the Branches (v. 5)
4. The True Vine and the Bonfire (vv. 6-7)
5. Conclusions

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. What does this text teach you to believe?
2. Is there a promise to remember?
3. What does this text teach you to do?
4. Is there a sin to avoid, a fruit to pursue, a warning to listen to, an example to follow?