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## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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### CHRISTMAS DAY December 25, 2016

*“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”*

~ Luke 2: 29-32, NKJV

#### **Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

*Carol Medley*  
The Christ Candle

**Hymn:** Hymnal Insert

*Hope Is a Light*

#### **Call to Worship:**

L: Christ has drawn near,

***ALL: calling us from the waste places of our anxious wandering.***

L: God has come to dwell with us,

***ALL: coming to save — coming to take away the sins of the world.***

L: Behold, the Light of the World,

**P: the One whose face shines upon us.**

**L:** He has looked down from heaven.

**P:** **He has come to make all things new —**

***ALL: to love us back to life.***

## **Prayer**

## **Welcome**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 80 (Pew Bible p. 313)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 318,

*Joy to the World*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Reconciliation**

## **Time of Offering**

### **Offertory Invitation**

### **Offertory Music**

### **Offertory Prayer**

*Birthday of a King, Neidlinger*

## **Children's Time:**

Merry Christmas

**Hymn:** HWB no. 206,

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16 (Pew Bible p. 362)  
Matthew 1: 18-25 (Pew Bible p. 509)

**Message:**

And we shall be saved

**Hymn:** HWB no. 199,

*The First Noel*

## **Sharing Time**

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 210,

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

## **Benediction**

## **Musical Response**

### **Postlude**

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day*

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**Worship Participants:** Norma Lee Hofer, accompanist; Kim Jones, worship leader; Amy Hofer Vetch, song leader; & Todd Jones, message & children's time

### ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- **Lucilla Dewald** (Mother of Glenda Langeland)
- **Larry Hofer**
- **Additional Prayers**

### **TODAY—December 25, 2016**

**Greeters:** Vernon & Norma Lee Hofer

**9:45 am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Larry & Edie Tschetter

### **NEXT SUNDAY— January 1, 2017—New Year's Day**

**Greeters:** Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

**Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Worship Leader:** HMC Deacons

**Song Leader:** Clara Koerner

**Children's Time:** HMC Deacons

**Coffee Time:** Alvina Hofer

**11:10am: Sunday School for All Ages**

### **DECEMBER PROJECTS:**

**MW December Project:** Cookie Walk

**Children's S.S. Winter Project:** MCC Congo Project

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, 12:00pm:** January 2017 *Connection!*

deadline(Hutterthal@goldenwest.net)

**Saturday:** New Year's Eve

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Jan. 3, 7:00pm:** Deacons Meeting (Clem residence)

**Jan. 8:** Epiphany Sunday—Worship with Communion

**Jan. 18, 6:30pm:** Midweek Bible Study

**Please note that we will not be having Sunday School today.** Enjoy this time of profound revelation — of Christ’s in-breaking — and reflect with family and friends on the wonder of the incarnation as you gather around your Christmas trees.

**Everyone enjoys coffee time at HMC.** It’s a great chance to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity during the month of December to contribute to the cost by making a donation in the designated “gift box” located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time.” Thank you! ~ Coffee Committee

**On Sunday, January 8, 2017, we will celebrate Communion** together. We encourage you to enter prayerfully into this celebration, asking for God to move in and through the time we share together that we might be both refreshed and renewed.

**The Deacons would like to encourage you to consider giving a gift to the Benevolent Fund.** On January 8, 2017 an offering basket will be placed in the foyer to receive gifts for this ministry. The Benevolent Fund is overseen by the Deacons and is used to offset the financial strains caused by ill-health, work loss, etc. If you know of someone who may benefit from the ministry of the Benevolent Fund we ask that you speak with one of our Deacons: Todd Koerner, Monica Clem, or Monica Hofer. All disbursements are handled confidentially.

**A sign-up sheet for the upcoming Midweek Bible Study, *Courage for the Journey*,** is now available in the church foyer. Our midweek study will begin January 18, 2017 at 6:30pm and will feature a soup supper each evening. Child care is available upon request for infant to pre-k and a Bible Study, *The Parables of Jesus*, will be offered for children k-6th grade. We encourage you to sign-up **all** adults and children that are planning to attend as this will assist the Deacons with further planning of this event.

**The December issue of the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is now available at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com) Check out what is going on at camp at how you can be involved in the ministry.

**Heritage Hall Museum and the Prairie Arboretum are throwing a joint fundraiser** for a new sidewalk that would connect the facilities, existing sidewalks, and parking lot. We will be serving a meal featuring grilled chicken in the Pioneer Hall Dining

Hall on Thursday, January 5 from 5-8:30 during the boys' basketball game. If you would like to order a whole, cooked and seasoned chicken for pick up (\$10) or in-town-delivery (\$12), please contact us before December 28. Leave a voice mail at the museum number, 925-7545, and Kelsey Ortman will return your call or call Deb Beier at 605-351-4747.

**An offering basket will be available in the foyer on Christmas Day and New Year's Day** to support the work of the S. D. Mennonite Disaster Service Unit which responds to local disasters. If you will be unable to attend those days and would like to contribute, you may put your gift in an envelope and place it in the offering plate the Sundays before or after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Checks should be payable to SD MDS Unit.

**It's time to make out the Greeter schedule for 2017!** If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact Monica Clem. Thank you for your interest in this ministry.