

Welcome!

All are welcome to worship! Worship gathers us as one body, invites us to hear God's Word, leads us to experience God's grace in baptism and communion, and then sends us out to engage and serve the world. **If you are visiting today**, please stop by our welcome center in the main hallway to complete a visitor card. To find out more information about our ministries, please visit us at our website:

www.sharonlutheran.org

Offering Options

IN-PERSON—drop in offering plate

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Wednesday, December 17

9:45am—Bible Study
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School Christmas Program
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, December 18

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
1:00pm—Sarah Circle
8:00pm—The 18-30 Collective

Saturday, December 20

9:00am—Christmas Program Rehearsal for Sunday Kids

Sunday, December 21

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School Christmas Program
4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Monday, December 22

1:00pm—Hannah Circle

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
4:00pm & 6:00pm—Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

Education Coordinator—Heather Peters
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Custodian—Dan Kuzel

Sanctuary Choir Director—Ketina Francois

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025
6:00PM



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Celebration Hall Worship

Gathering Song: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Greeting

Song: “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Advent 3 Candle Lighting

Advent 3—Meal: Rejoicing in Christ's Presence

Song: “We Light a Candle”

Christmas Program

Sharing God's Peace

Offering & Noisy Offering

Offering Prayer

Prayers of God's People

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Song: “Away in a Manger” & “Do You Hear What I Hear”

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Song: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Sending

The Worship is over;
the service begins.



Sharon Lutheran Church

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve
Celebration Hall: 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm
Sanctuary: 4:00pm, 6:00pm

Christmas Day
Sanctuary: 9:00am

1st Sunday of Christmas (Dec 28)
Celebration Hall: 9:00am

Wednesday, December 31
No Worship Service

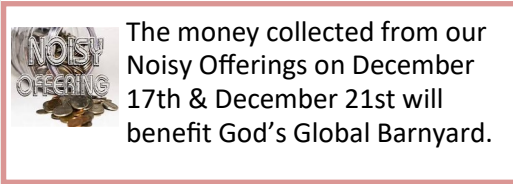
January 4
Regular Schedule at 9:00 Sanctuary & 10:30 Celebration Hall



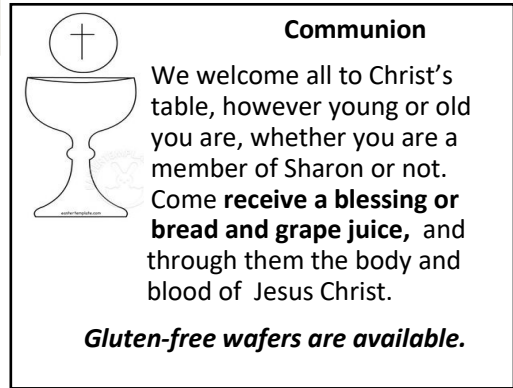
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT

Wednesday Kid's Performance:
Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:00pm

Sunday Kid's Performance:
Sunday, December 21 @ 10:30am



The money collected from our Noisy Offerings on December 17th & December 21st will benefit God's Global Barnyard.



Communion

We welcome all to Christ's table, however young or old you are, whether you are a member of Sharon or not. Come **receive a blessing or bread and grape juice**, and through them the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Gluten-free wafers are available.



"Welcome to Baptism" Orientation

If you are planning a baptism in your family, plan to come to a one-hour orientation called "Welcome to Baptism" on **Sunday, December 21st at 4:00pm** in the church lounge. Please enter through door #1. To register for the class, please call the church office by Friday before the class at 772-3122. or email the church office at: office@sharonlutheran.org; or speak to Deacon Jamie Travers. Sponsors are welcome too in addition to parents.



Sharon Lutheran's Backpack Program

On the second Sunday of each month, we will collect food items for Ben Franklin Elementary School to provide meals for the whole school-year.


You can drop these at the church in the boxes marked for the Backpack Program. For questions, please contact the Community Connections Team or Pastor Tawanda.

A list of items that are needed are:

- Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
- Instant Oatmeal (no nuts)
- Crystal Light Packets
- Fruit Cups (no applesauce)

THE 18-30 COLLECTIVE

Life. Faith. Community.



- FINANCES
- WORK
- DATING
- FAMILY DYNAMICS

Join people your age to talk about it all. Invite your friends and join us!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 8 PM

We're HIRING

We're Hiring in Youth Ministry!

Hey church family! The Youth Team is excited to share that we've created a new paid part time position (about 8-10 hours a week) to help coordinate and strengthen our ongoing High School ministry, such as RAFT, Castaway, summer trips, etc. This position will also assist with 9th grade Confirmation activities.

This role will help us stay better connected with students, build relationships, and keep all the good things happening in our high school youth ministry running smoothly.

If you—or someone you know—has a heart for walking alongside teens in faith and life, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Deacon Jamie for more details or to apply.



Faithfully Fit—Christmas Break

December 18th will be the last class for Christmas Break.

Classes will return on January 6th. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am-9:30am.