

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

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IN-PERSON—drop in offering plate

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Sunday, December 7

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
9:00am—Baptism—Sanctuary—Saul Louis Burns
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
3:00pm—Christmas Adventure
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

Tuesday, December 9

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
6:30pm—Properties Team

Wednesday, December 10

9:45am—Bible Study
1:30pm—Rachel Circle
6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall
6:00pm—Church School
7:00pm—Choir Practice
7:15pm—Confirmation
8:15pm—RAFT

Thursday, December 11

8:30am—Faithfully Fit
9:00am—Quilting
1:00pm—Sharon Cares
5:30pm—Worship Team

Friday, December 12

12:00pm—Golden Age

Saturday, December 13

9:00am—Christmas Program Rehearsal for Wed.
Church School Kids

Sunday, December 14

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am—Worship—Celebration Hall
10:30am—Church School
2:00pm—WELCA—Christmas Tea
3:45pm—3-4-5 Alive

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:00AM



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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.

Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Hymn #257 vs 1,5—"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Advent 2 Candle Lighting

Advent 2—Word: Listening for Peace

Song: "We Light A Candle"

Greeting

Holy Baptism & Baptismal Song:

Hymn 595 vs 1—"Jesus Loves Me"

Choir Anthem—"Advent Celebration"

Prayer of the Day

Story Time

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

Hymn #249 vs 1,3,5—"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist Cry"

Prayers of God's People

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution & Hymn #253—"He Came Down"

Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Hymn #250 vs 1,3—"Blessed Be The God Of Israel"

Sending

Hymnals may be found under pews



Through Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Christian faith:

(9:00am) **Saul Louis Burns**, child of Zachary & Capri Burns. The sponsors for Saul are Weston Trottier & Samantha Jallo.



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!



Hey 18-30 year olds! **We have exciting news!**

A new group is being launched for you!

If you missed the get together on December 4th, another meeting will be held on December 18th at 8pm. Join people your age to talk about life and faith. Issues will include topics on finances, work, dating, and family dynamics.

Invite your friends and join us!



2025 Sharon Lutheran Giving Tree

Once again this year, we are adopting area families in need. Please stop by the tree in the Narthex and follow the directions you find there. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY OF THE ITEMS!**

Family names have been provided to us. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need.

Please return Giving Tree gifts to the church office by December 15, 2025.



WELCA presents **Whimsical Candy Christmas**

Step into a sweet wonderland of peppermint swirls and holiday cheer! Join us for an afternoon tea filled with festive treats, warm laughter, and the magic of Christmas.

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: South Hall

This family friendly event will feature a variety of warm beverages and holiday treats inspired by the season, perfect for celebrating fellowship & joy!



ELCA GOOD GIFTS ADVENT TREE

The Community Connections Team invites the congregation to make a difference in the lives of those around the world by donating to God's Global Barnyard.

- Choose an ornament off the tree representing the gift you'd like to make.
- Place your check made payable to ELCA in the provided envelope and indicate which gift you are sponsoring.
- Turn the envelope into the church office and keep the ornament as a reminder of your generosity.

Thank you!

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or facing challenges, please let us know. We want to include you in our prayers, and the Prayers of the People during worship if you would like to be included in them. We are here for you!



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:

- Ravioli (must have pull-open top)
- Soup (must have pull-open top)
- Mac & Cheese (Easy Mac or Velveeta Cups)
- Juice Boxes/Capri Sun