

## 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](http://www.sharonlutheran.org)

### Offering Options

**IN-PERSON**—drop in offering plate

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### 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

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9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 28

9:00am—Worship—Celebration Hall



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**Organist**—Sue Kerr

**Custodian**—Dan Kuzel

**Sanctuary Choir Director**—Ketina Francois

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Love



Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:00AM



SHARON LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL

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## Sanctuary Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

*Hymn #257 vs 1,7—"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Advent 4 Candle Lighting

Advent 4—Sending: Bearing Love Into The World

*Song: "We Light A Candle"*

Greeting

*Choir Anthem—"Bethlehem Procession"*

Prayer of the Day

Story Time & Noisy Offering

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon—Pastor Tawanda Murinda

Moment for Quiet Reflection

*Hymn #295 vs 1,4—"Of The Father's Love Begotten"*

The Apostles' Creed

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 #292—"Love Has Come"*

Sending

*Hymnals may be found under pews*



*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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas (Dec 28)  
Celebration Hall: 9:00am

Wednesday, December 31  
No Worship Service

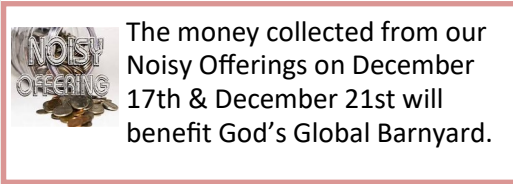
January 4  
Regular Schedule at 9:00 Sanctuary & 10:30 Celebration Hall




## 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.***



### 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.



### "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](mailto: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)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.