

**Thurs,
Dec 25th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Dec 25th, 2025

Christmas Day Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Ellie Vandenberg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting - **CHRISTMAS**
6th-8th Grade & Larry Top

Welcome & Call to Worship - Luke 2:8-14
Silent Prayer of Preparation

***Song - PH 345 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Sunday School Christmas Video

Song - RB 534 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregational Prayer
Offering:

***Song - RB 538 The First Noel**

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 2:1-7**

Text: **Luke 2:1-7**

Message: **Leftovers or Lord?**

Prayer

***Song - PH 356 Go Tell It On the Mountain (Verses 1-2)**

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 356 Go Tell It On the Mountain (Verse 3)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME in the name of Christ to all who worship here today. We have the blessing to celebrate together the birth of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ! "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:11

December 25, 2025 | Leftovers or Lord? | Luke 2:7

Theme: _____ God _____ of our _____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: May the Lord help us to take an introspective look at our own hearts to see if we're in a season of giving Him merely the leftovers in our life, or if He is truly Lord over every area of our lives. May He help us to give Him all of our lives this Christmas Day and every day.

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *Reformed Expository Commentary: Luke Vol. 1 & 2* by Philip G. Ryken
- *Calvin's Commentary* by John Calvin
- *Preaching the Word Commentary: Luke Vol. 2* by Kent R. Hughes
- *Luke & John* by Robert Deffinbaugh & Stephen Leston
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo

“Although Caesar would never know it, he had unleashed a chain of events that would turn the whole world upside down, for among the millions who had to register was a man named Joseph, with his fiancée Mary. This one little family, seemingly swept up in the tide of earthly power, gave birth to a son who would rule the world. Mary’s song was starting to come true: “He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate” (Luke 1:51–52). God was taking Caesar’s pawns and moving them to checkmate, so that the real Savior would stand alone as the King of kings.” - Philip Ryken

“What kind of welcome did he deserve? Jesus deserved to have every person from every nation come and worship him. He deserved to have every creature in the entire universe—from the fiercest lion to the tiniest insect—come to his cradle and give him praise. He deserved to have the creation itself offer him worship, with the rocks crying glory and the galaxies dancing for joy. He is God the Son, and anything less than absolute acknowledgment of his royal person is an insult to his divine dignity. But what kind of welcome did he receive? What accommodation was he given? Luke tells us, ‘And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn’ (Luke 2:6–7). Here is another irony of the incarnation: when the Son of God came to earth—the Maker of the universe in all its vast immensity—he couldn’t even get a room!” - Philip Ryken

“ It wasn’t just Bethlehem—there was never enough room for Jesus. As one commentator put it, ‘When Christ first came among us we pushed him into an out-house; and we have done our best to keep him there ever since.’” - Philip Ryken quoting J.R.H. Moorman