

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2020



Faith in Christ Lutheran Church

7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ Parking Lot

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

OPENING

Pastor: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is
the Messiah, the Lord. *(Luke 2:10-11)*

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
among those whom He favors! *(Luke 2:14)***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(Wave and/or Honk to each other)

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

LBW #45

Verse 1

**O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 2

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, A mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

Glory to God In the highest:

**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 4

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!**

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle.

All: **For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace** Isaiah 9:6

(The candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and the Christ candle are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal and Everlasting LORD,

All: **You are the God of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed You into the world, now help us welcome You into our lives. Give us courage to Hope; strength to seek Peace. Fill our spirits with Joy; and our hearts with Love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.** *(Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski)*

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LBW #44

Verse 1

**Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Child is Lord of all!
Christ the Child is Lord of all!**

Verse 2

**Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Child was born for you!
Christ the Child was born for you!**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-7

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

This is Christ the King!

HYMN

What Child is This

LBW #40

Verse 1

**What child is this who, Laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, The Son of Mary!

THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one
Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By
the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the
virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was
buried.

On the third day He rose again In accordance with the
Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no
end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and
the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

LBW #60

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 3

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord in Your mercy,*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

Silent Night

Verse 1

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Verse 2

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior is born;
Christ, the Savior is born!"**

Verse 3

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth;
Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon. When he saw the Lord's Christ he burst forth into praise. I pray that you also see and come to know the Lord's Christ as your Savior and Lord!

All: **Lord, now let Your servant go in peace; Your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to lighten the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** (Based on

Luke 2:29-32)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN

Joy To The World

LBW #39

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, The Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, And wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE



For the *grace* of
God has appeared,
bringing *salvation*
for *all* people.

Titus 2:11, ESV



Flower Chart for 2021

The new flower chart is now available in the Narthex. Each flower vase is \$18.00. Please check for your important dates and sign up.

All giving to be included in 2020 annual giving statements must be received in the church office by noon Thursday December 31, 2020.



*Annual
Giving
Statements*

NEXT SUNDAY December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

Next Sunday Lessons and Carols

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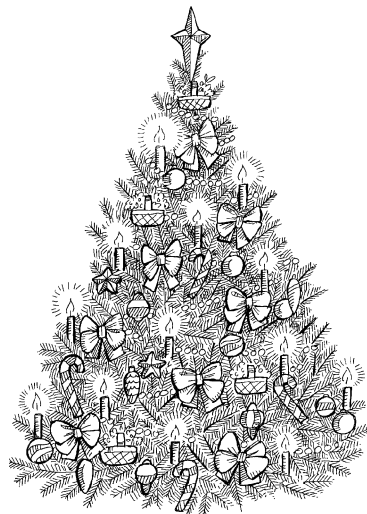
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Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!