

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021



Faith in Christ Lutheran Church

7:00 pm inside & 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

LBW #45

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

NOEL

**Andrew Hare
and
Heather Hare**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-7

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

This is Christ the King!

HYMN

LBW #40

What Child is This

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.

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: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: O Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

All: Worship the LORD in holy array, tremble before him all the earth!

Pastor: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice for unto us a Child has been born. Our Savior has been born!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INSIDE

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Children who have not received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please join in singing during communion

HYMN

LBW #60

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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!"**

(Please Stand)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life
Everlasting.**

All: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastor will take a large candle and light it from the Christ candle which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. Please tip your unlit candle into the lit candle to light it. As your candle is lit, please join in singing "Silent Night".



HYMN

LBW #65

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.

*As **Joy to the World** begins please gently extinguish your candles. Please carefully hold the candle upright until the wax has cooled.*

HYMN

LBW #39

Joy To The World

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE

We will bring Holy Communion to you as you sit in your car in the parking lot.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!

This coming Sunday December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday Worship 10:15 am

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

Titus 2:11, ESV