Faith in Christ Lutheran

10:15 a.m.

December 25, 2022

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."

2022

"With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence"



Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

WELCOME & PRAYER

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!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Based on Genesis 1:1-5)

Leader: In the beginning God

All: created the heavens and the earth,

Leader: the earth was a formless void

All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

All: over the face of the waters.

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

All: God separated the light from the darkness.

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness He called

Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the

first day.

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

All: the coming light of Christ brings Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and New Life.

Leader: The Candle of Hope,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Hope, dispel the darkness and fill our souls.

Leader: The Candle of Peace,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Peace, dispel the darkness and fill our souls.

Leader: The Candle of Joy,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Joy, dispel the darkness and fill our souls.

Leader: The Candle of Love,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Love, dispel the darkness and fill our souls.

Leader: The Christ candle,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World, dispel the darkness and fill our souls. Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

(Please greet each other in the name of 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.

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)

SPECIAL GIFT

Eve Choi, Heather Hare, Aria Lee

A Hallelujah Christmas

(Music by Leonard Cohen, Words by Cloverton, soloist Kaylee Rodgers and the Killard House School)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever.

Amen. Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

SONG

Do You Hear What I Hear

Verse 1

Said the night-wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
"Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star Dancing in the night,
With a tail as big as a kite.
With a tail as big as a kite.

Verse 2

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, High above the tree,
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.

Verse 3

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold;
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Verse 4

Said the king to the people ev'rywhere
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people ev'rywhere
Listen to what I say!
The child; The child
Sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light.
He will bring us goodness and light.

Ending

The child; The child sleeping in the night; He will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light.

THE LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7

(See Pew Bible pg. 1072)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20 (See Pew Bible pg. 1590)

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

HYMN Angels We Have Heard On High

LBW #71

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains; And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be; Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the

Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly

Father in prayer...

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

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O FATHER, 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: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION 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.

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.

(Please Stand)



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 Silent Night LBW #65

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! Il 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

Joy To The World Verse 1

LBW #39

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Let earth receive her 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE



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

Titus 2:11, ESV

Tomorrow Morning Sunday December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 2 Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12) Luke 2:1 - 20

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