

Christmas Day

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS Lakefield, Minnesota December 25, 2024

Pre-Service Christmas Music and Carol Sing

Hymn: 376 Once in Royal David's City vs 1, 2, 5

1 Once vid's in roy al Da cit у Stood а 2 He came down earth from Who is to heav en, 5 Not ble With the in that poor, low ly sta lv cat - tle shed. Where laid low а moth er her and Lord God of all, And His shel ter was а stand - ing Shall Him, but in ox en by we see His ba - by In for bed: Mar ger а man sta - ble. And His cra dle was а stall: With the heav - en. Set at God's right hand high. Then like on Je - sus Christ child. was that moth - er mild, her lit - tle low - ly Lived on earth Sav - ior poor and mean and our ho - ly. His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound! stars

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Organ/Piano Duet

Tidings of Joy!



Hymn: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High with organ/piano duet introduction and conclusion, "Christmas Gloria" 1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains, 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an pro-long? an - gels sing; And the moun-tains in re-ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song? on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the Come, a - dore new - born King. Refrain Glo ri - a in ex - cel - sis De -0. Glo n ri - a in ex-cel-sis De 0. Text and tune: Public domain

Ringing of the Bell

Hymn: 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **C** Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Isaiah 9:2; 2 Samuel 22:29

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

- C those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- P You are my lamp, O Lord,

C and my God lightens my darkness.

(all candles are lit, the Christ candle being last)

P Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and

death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Stand

Service of the word

Psalm

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

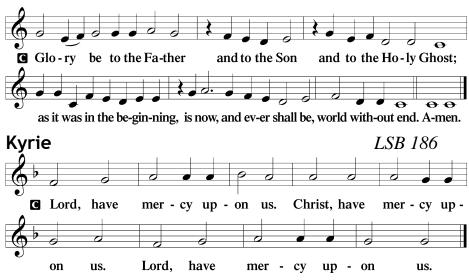
To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

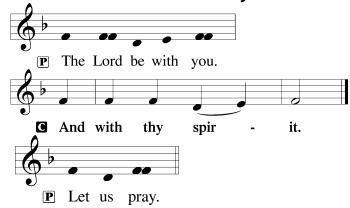
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your onlybegotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of him who brings good news,

who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,

who publishes salvation,

who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;

together they sing for joy;

for eye to eye they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,

you waste places of Jerusalem,

for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor.

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Glory be 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.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Choir Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

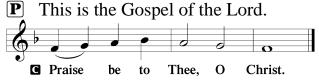


In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



Christmas Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as our Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, who lived to suffer and die.

He rose again from the dead to free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas,

And by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to live under Him as my king, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Sit

Hymn: 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

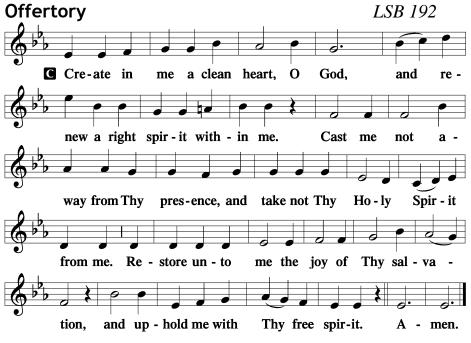
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- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing, And to You we come confessing That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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Sermon

Stand



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Offering

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Prayer of the Church

"God With Us...Rejoice!" A Carol Setting for Holy Communion

The Preface

- \mathbf{P} Oh, may the good Lord be with you.
- **C** And may the Lord be with you, too.
- **P** Lift your hearts to him in praise.
- **C** To the Lord our hearts we raise.
- **P** Let us offer praises true.
- C It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing To the Lord, our King!

The Great Thanksgiving

Thanks and praise be to you, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old your faithful people waited for the day of your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and you sent forth Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen his glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when he will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored! Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of your name! Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing: Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to you!

The Consecration

The Lord's Prayer tune: Away in a Manger Our Father in heaven all praise to your name! Your kingdom among us, your will done the same By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone: Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

> The bread that we yearn for provide us each day; As we forgive others, our sins take away; In times of temptation, to lead us be near; From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign. And yours is the power; all things you maintain. To you be the glory, resounding again From all of creation, forever! Amen.

The Distribution

- Hymn: 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Hymn: 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear
- Hymn: 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- Hymn: 365 Away in a Manger

The Thanksgiving tune: Angels From the Realms of Glory Thank the Lord, his praises voicing For his promised faithfulness! All who seek the Lord, rejoicing Tell his love, his name confess, For he leads us, with thanksgiving In the paths of righteousness.

> At your word, Lord, let your servant Go in peace, for with my eyes I have seen your bright salvation,

Israel's Light, begin to rise As the glory of the nations, Leading me to paradise.

Prayer

Benediction

- Now may the good Lord bless and keep, His love in you increase; Lift up his face with shining grace, And grant eternal peace.
- C To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in Three, Be thanks and praise through all our days And to eternity!

Hymn: 387 Joy to the World 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her 2 Joy to the earth, Let their songs the Sav - ior reigns! men em -3 No more let thorns sins and sor - rows Nor in - fest the grow 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na tions King; 'ry pare Let ev heart pre -Him While ploy, fields and floods. rocks, ĥills. and ground; He comes to make His bless ings prove The glo ries of His righ teous -And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture room plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing flow Far the curse is found. Far the curse is as as ness And won - ders of His And won - ders of His love. sing, And heav'n. and heav'n and ture sing. na -Re peat, re peat the sound - ing joy. joy, Far far found, as, as the curse is found. And ders. ders of His love. love. won won Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

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We Remember in our Prayers

Those who have lost loved ones over the past year Immanuel in the Call process for a Pastor Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Good Sam in Jackson, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Lakeview in Heron Lake, Koronis in Paynesville Keith Kolander, Loretta Palmer, Jackie Ward, Ken Pohlman, Marlene Hendricksen, Ines Henning, Merlyn Rossow, Betty Hage, Bev Hall, dealing with health issues

Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Zach Williamson, friend of Pastor McDonald; Pastor Dennis Brech, Lake Shetek; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing with cancer

Suzanne Leopold, friend of Jan Bakalyar; Joe Bradley, nephew of Joyce Aden; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi Gettler; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Missionaries in the Field Our Country and Our Military

Poinsettias decorating the chancel area are given to the Glory of God by...

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- Dennis and Vickie Baumann in memory of Clarence & Arlene Baumann Larry Baumann

~ Ron and Debbi Gettler in honor of Their grandchildren in memory of Loved ones

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