

Christmas Day



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

Sunday, December 25, 2017
10:00 A.M.



GATHERING

Prelude

Carol sing in the Narthex

ELW, No. 283, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Welcome

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 98

Sing to God something brand new!

For God has done wonderful things!

God has not forgotten to love us all!

Even the ends of the earth have heard!

Make a joyful noise!

Break forth in song!

With strings and horns,

sing praise to the Holy One!

With the roaring sea and everything in it!

With all the land and everything in it!

The floods clap their hands.

The hills sing for joy.

Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

Justice for everyone, everything fair.

Sing to God something brand new!
For God has done wonderful things!

The assembly stands.

Gathering Song – ELW, No. 267, “Joy to the World”

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel,
the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High,
✠ one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and
our neighbor.

Gracious God,

**in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew
our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and wel-
come the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:

To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name.

Glory to God in the highest!

Hymn of Praise – ELW, No. 289, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has
brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower
us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 52:7–10

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1–4

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation – *All sing Alleluia, choir sings verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.*
For today a great light has come up on the earth.

Gospel Reading – John 1:1–14

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 288, “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

The assembly stands.

Prayers of Intercession

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray for the light of life in all people, for new birth among us, and for communities that long for new life. You, O God, form your church as the body of Christ. Reshape our hearts to know your grace, open our vision to see your truth, and make our mouths ready to proclaim your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You speak and the creation comes into being. Call us by a new word to live in harmony with the fragile planet that is our common home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You announce peace and salvation to all the earth. Inspire our leaders to find achievable paths toward greater comfort, justice, and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your years never end. Sustain those whose increasing years make them weary, console the young who have already known struggle, and protect newborns whose years are just beginning. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your voice resounds among us. Give sufficient breath and abundant resilience to those who lead our praises in these festive days. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are changeless from generation to generation. Anoint us with the oil of gladness and number us with your saints, who with angels and archangels know you and your majesty to be boundless love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

Offering – “He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child,” Lloyd Larson

The assembly stands.

Offering Song – ELW, No. 294, “In the Bleak Midwinter,” *st. 3*

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy – *Tune: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (see ELW, No. 270)*

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!

Hosannas now we sing.

Hail hosanna praises due

Be forever Lord to you.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Communion

Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All are welcome to the Lord's Table. The meal is served at four stations near the front of the worship space. Come forward as the ushers direct, take an empty cup, receive the bread and wine, place the used cup in the nearby basket, and return to your place. Cups of grape juice (on the silver tray) and gluten-free wafers are available. Those who prefer not to receive the elements are welcome to participate in the meal by receiving a blessing from one of the servers and may indicate their preference by crossing their arms across their chest.

Communion Song – Tune: “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” (see ELW, No. 271)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Carols

ELW, No. 296, “What Child Is This”

ELW, No. 292, “Love Has Come”

The assembly stands.

Blessing after Communion

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen every one of you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

On this day, O God,
**you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one fore-
told, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness
of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills
us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation
has filled us with grace and truth,
give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song – ELW, No. 290, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God’s people on earth!
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude – “There’s a Star in the East,” David Sims

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider and Preacher: Pastor Tim Lemme

Organ: Marilyn Schempp

Choir: Christmas Choir, directed by Gene LeVasseur, accompanied by Marilyn Schempp

Reader: Mike Aaron

Deacon: Tom Berkland

Media: Toni LeVasseur

Sound: Randy Preston

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