



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2018

3:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1, 3, 4)

ELW 283

Lighting of Christmas Candle

One: People of God, when the angels appeared, the shepherds were terrified.

Many: *We will not fear, for this is the night of Good News!*

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[*Light the white Christ Candle*]

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Many: *Glory to God in the Highest!*

Special Music

The Prophecy from Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-9

pew Bible p. 627

"The word of the Lord: Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn

The Prophecy from Micah

Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 267

Micah 5:2-5a

pew Bible p.849

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Hymn

What Child Is This?

ELW 296

The Prayer of Day

Children's Sermon

The Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord***

Response after the reading: ***Praise to You, O Christ***

Hymn

O Holy Night

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**Oh holy night, The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world, In sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks, A new and glorious morn**

**Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, Oh night oh night divine (repeat)**

Sermon

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Christmas Offering

Offertory

Christmas Offering

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**I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You, oh Lord I bring an offering to You**

Lighting of Candles

Congregational Response:

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All: **If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.**

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Hymn

Silent Night

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**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**

**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**

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

**Silent night holy night, Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King
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(Please extinguish the candles and leave them in the baskets as you leave.)

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Born Is The King (It's Christmas)

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Born unto us this day a Saviour, Gifted from heaven to a manger

The hope of the world a light for all mankind

All of the earth rejoice it's Christmas time

Chorus: ***So lift up your voice and sing out His praise***

It's Christmas, Born is the King rejoice in the day

It's Christmas, Make a joyful sound, It's Christmas, Let His praise resound, It's Christmas

Goodwill to all the earth and peace divine

All of the earth rejoice it's Christmas time

It's Christmas time (Chorus)

Chorus

Postlude



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Hymn *He Came Down* (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love) ELW 253
The Prophecy from Isaiah
Isaiah 11:1-9
"The word of the Lord: Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW 279
The Prophecy from Micah
Micah 5:2-5a pew Bible p.849
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Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW 270

The Prayer of Day

Special Music

Children's Sermon (5:00)

Gospel Acclamation

The Christmas Gospel

Angels from the Realms of Glory (v. 1) ELW 275

Luke 2:1-20

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Response after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

Sermon

Interlude

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sung 5:00)

The Offering

Offertory

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.

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Postlude

Joy to the World

ELW 267



Announcements

December 24, 2018

Tonight's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bill & Kathy Engler in memory and honor of family.

Thank you for serving!	3:00pm	5:00pm	9:00pm
Acolytes	Salem Frost	Annabel Coudron	
Greeters	Frost Family Tomasek Family	Bruce & Deb Mitlyng	Holien Family
Ushers		Tom & Marlene Nordby Jim & Kim Christianson	Fischer Family
Lectors	Stacy Frost	Marlene Nordby	Angela Fischer
Music	Praise Team	Rosie Sorum Lon & Diane Wright	Angela Fischer Kristin Neet-Holien, Pam Neet, Jenna Holien
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Marlene Nordby		
Video and Projection	Shelly Maes	Jeffrey McCall	
Snow Removal	Mark Jensen, Eric Miller		

Wednesday December 26

No Worship, TLC or Youth Events
Office Closed

Thursday December 27

Shetek Winter Fun Day

Saturday December 29

No Worship

Sunday December 30

No TLC
9:30am Worship

Monday Dec 31st & Tues Jan 1

Office Closed

Wednesday Jan 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
5:30pm Women's Board Meeting
6:30pm Women's Choir
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Saturday January 5

5:30pm Worship

Sunday January 6

8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC

Donations for poinsettia and Christmas greens have been made by:

Mike & Jean Henle in memory of Mary Jo Henle and Bruce Haug

Daughters Pat, Hazel, Jeanie, & Lesley in memory of Leslie & Jean Neiman

Jason, Amber & Leo Swenson in memory of Sharon Swenson and loved ones

Jim & Myra Baune

Their children Doug, Don, Deb, Denise & their families in memory of Helen Gilbertson & Merv Gilbertson

Mark & Jean Mather, Stephanie, Erik & Cody and their families in memory of Don Mather

Al & Ann Nielsen-Thielges in memory of Curtis Nielsen and Maryann Thielges

Doug & Dorothy Krogen in memory of Beret Rysdahl and Willard & Virginia Krogen

Julie, Alissa, Andrew, Adelyn, & Dallas in memory of Randy Bahn

Grandparents Russ & Deidre Sanow in honor of Ethan & Isabella Sanow

David & Donna Reaves in honor of Brooke, Lauren & Alex Reaves

Bill & Kathy Engler in memory of Jessie & William Jr. Engler

Mark Schwanebeck in memory of Clarence & Eleanor Schwanebeck

Dave & Diane Taylor in memory of parents Robert & Florence Fick and Dr LW. & Jean Taylor

Dave & Becky Gifford in memory of daughter Sandra Kae Gifford

Bob & Corlys Knudson in honor of Shelly, John, Joe, Lincoln, & Caleb Rock, Jim, Robin,

Keziah, Eden & Jude Knudson and in memory of Janelle Knudson & Elijah Knudson

Brian & Lorinda Coudron in memory of David Peters and Melvin Coudron

Tim, Tonya, Bailey & Logan Tomasek in memory of Aaron Hohwieler and Denny & Joan Tomasek

Leon & Judy Werner in honor of family

Their family in memory of Charlie & Tweet Muller

Chuck & Rolly Muller & family in memory of Merv Gilbertson

John & Bonny Doyle and family in memory of O. Elof & Mildred Johnson and J. Byron & Clara Doyle

David & Janet Landby in honor of our 5 grandchildren and in memory of all family members celebrating Christmas in heaven

Gail Schepker in memory of Joseph Schepker, Michael Schepker and Jackie Solis

Jay, Angie, Maddie & Macie Murphy in memory of Cheryl Murphy

Tom & Sherri Schultze and family in memory of Harold Hansen

Paul, Tanya & Taylor Freeburg in memory of Doris Engler, Tanya's grandmother

Ken & Sue Versaevel & family in memory of Elmer & Gwen Geistfeld and Bill & Clarice Versaevel

Carole Halverson in memory of Hal Halverson

Helen Pedersen and family in memory of H. Clyde Pedersen, Mae & Lee Hier, and Laura & Hans Pedersen

Karl & Shirley Porisch in memory of Adolphe & Imogene Porisch and Ronald & Dorothy Anderson

Ben & Holly Elsen in memory of Frank & Rita Versaevel, Beverly Elsen, and David Connelly

Hans, Shana, Sadie & Simon Zahrbock in honor of Hans' mother Vivian and in memory of Darwin Zahrbock

Marlene Gannott in memory of Edward Gannott

Audrey Norris in honor of Christ's Birthday

Tom & Pam Odland in memory of Rudy & Catherine Nelson and Ole & Mavis Odland

Doug Heise in memory of Rosemary Heise, Margeret (Heise) Racette, Dennis Heise, and
Cornell & Bernice Paulson

Chad, Keri, Emma, Eli & Ella Cole in memory of Howard Culbertson and Ethan Cole

John Voit, Liz, Joe, and Ranee Simpson in memory of Allen & Orlinda Voit

Melanie Pedersen in memory of David Broderson

Christianson grandchildren and great grandchildren in honor of Lucille Christianson (Gi Gi)

Their children Susan, Kathy, Lindsay and their families in memory of Verlyn & Margaret Miller

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-9

11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he

shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

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Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and

Today's Readings

on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.