



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, 2017

3:00pm

Prelude
Welcome

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

Lighting of Christmas Candle

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One: We pray for God's peace to prevail.

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[Light a third blue candle for Joy]

One: We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

[Light the pink candle for Love]

One: Born as one of us, Jesus became God's living Word of Peace, Joy, Hope and Love.

[Light the white Christ Candle]

One: Do not be afraid! The Good News is here!

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The Prophecy from Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-9

pew Bible p. 627

"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

What Child Is This?

ELW 296

The Prayer of Day

Children's Message

Special Music

Hope Was Born this Night

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

The First Noel

ELW 300

Sermon

Special Music

All Is Well

The Offering

Offertory

Christmas Offering

(CCLI Song # 7005509 Paul Baloche © 2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI License # 473052)

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

ELW 281

A Moment of Silence is observed

Sending Dialogue:

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Many: *A song of hope, peace, joy, and love around the world.*

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Benediction

Sending Hymn

Joy to the World

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

The Prayer of Day

Special Music

5:00 *The First Noel*

arr. by Lorie Line

9:00 *Jesu Bambino*

Children's Message (5:00)

Gospel Acclamation

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (v.1)

ELW 275

The Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

Sermon

Interlude (5:00)

Special Music (9:00)

The Winter Rose

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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Announcements

December 24, 2017

Tonight's radio broadcast is sponsored by Kathy Tjosaas and family in memory of Roger.

Pastor Dan Jordahl, former First Lutheran pastor (1960-1993) died on Sunday December 17th. His memorial will be January 5th in Sun City, AZ.

Thank you for serving!	3:00pm	5:00pm	9:00pm
Acolytes		Isaiah Brusven	
Greeters	Neil & Stacy Frost	Tom & Marlene Nordby	Bruce & Deb Mitlyng
Ushers		Karen Murphy Lee & Holly Sorum Tom & Marlene Nordby	Pam Neet Troy Holien & Kristin Neet-Holien
Lectors	Stacy Frost	Karen Murphy	Deb Mitlyng
Music	Praise Team: Jim Christianson, Kim Christianson, Matt Christianson, Jennifer Lundberg, Austin Luther, Mark Pedersen, Matt Pedersen, John Ward	Rosie Sorum Connie Knott Abigail Adkins Angela Fischer	Angela Fischer Steve Meyer
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Carolyn Marks, Marlene Nordby		
Video and Projection	Shelly Maes	Dan Marks	
Snow Removal	December 25-31: Dan Marks, Jim Fischer		

Office Hours December 26th-29th will be 9am to noon.

Wednesday December 27

7:00pm SHA/Alumni Game Night

Saturday December 30

No Worship

Thursday December 28

9:30am Shetek Winter Fun Day

Sunday December 31

9:30am Worship

Donations for poinsettias have been given by:

Tom & Angela Larson & family in memory of David Gackstetter, Bernice Larson, & Jim Larson

Daughter Pat Lanoue and Grandson Scott Lanoue in memory of Leslie & Jean Neiman
Doug, Don, Deb, Denise and their families in memory of Helen Gilbertson & Mervin Gilbertson
Jeff Anderson & family in memory of Orville & Mary Ellen Anderson
Mark, Jean, Stephanie, Erik & Cody Mather in memory of Donald Mather
Al & Ann Nielsen-Thielges in memory of Curtis Nielsen & Mary Ann Thielges
Doug & Dorothy Krogen in memory of Willie & Ginny Krogen and Beret Rysdahl
Leon & Vicki Versaevel in memory of Harvey Johannsen and William & Clarice Versaevel
Larry & Sandy Nelson in memory of their parents, Julius & Clara Berre, and Ken & Hazel Nelson
Chuck & Rolly Muller in memory of Charlie & Tweet Muller, and Merv Gilbertson
Doug & Peggy Anderson in honor of Peggy's parents Russ & Mary Jeppesen's 65th wedding anniversary and in memory of Doug's parents Jim & Gloria Anderson
Doug Heise in memory of Rosemary Heise, Margaret (Heise) Racette, Dennis Heise, and Cornell & Bernice Paulson
Their children Dennis, Carol & Laurie in memory of Lawrence & Dorothy Lien
John, Liz & Joe Voit in memory of Allen & Orlinda Voit
Mike, Jennifer, Shelbie & Rachel Thomsen in memory of Richard & Lois Holten, Janet Holten, and Joyce Lane
Brian & Lorinda Coudron in memory of David Peters and Melvin Coudron
Tom, Sherri, Ashley, Brittany & Crista Schultze in memory of Harold Hansen
Jay, Angie, Madelyn, & Macie Murphy in memory of Cheryl Murphy
Carol Purrington in memory of her parents
Gail Schepker in memory of Jackie Solis, Mike Schepker & Joseph Schepker
Dave & Diane Taylor in honor of their grandchildren Hunter, Taylor, Olivia, Luke, Audrey, Caleb, and AnneLiese
Marlene Gannott in memory of Edward Gannott
Chuck & Lori Obler in memory of Gordan Vikesland and Clara Obler
Tom & Pam Odland in memory of Ole & Mavis Odland and in honor of Christ's birth
Tim, Tonya, Bailey & Logan Tomasek in memory of Aaron Hohwieler, Dennis & Joan Tomasek, and Greg Tomasek
Bob & Corlys Knudson in honor of Shelly, John, Joe, Lincoln, & Caleb Rock, Jim, Robin, Keziah, Eden & Jude Knudson and in memory of Janelle Knudson and Elijah Knudson
Mark Schwanebeck in memory of Clarence & Elly Schwanebeck
Carole Halverson in memory of Hal Halverson
Hans, Shana, Sadie & Simon Zahrbock in memory of Darwin Zahrbock
Bill, Becky, Trey, & Taya Weber in memory of Bill & Jane Weber
Pam Russell in memory of her father Robert Stumpf
Lu, Sandy, & Kristi Miller in memory of Reuben & Edith Miller, Larry Miller, and Arthur & Millie Pagel
Bill & Kathy Engler in memory of Jesse & William Jr Engler
Dave & Becky Gifford in memory of daughter Sandra Kae Gifford
Karl & Shirley Porisch in memory of Adolphe & Imogene Porisch and Ronald & Dorothy Anderson

Bob & Kathy Schrupp in memory of Ken & Joy Farr, Orville & Sophie Schrupp, Mary Lukanen, and Dawson Vanportfliet

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

Jason, Amber, & Leo Swenson in memory of Sharon Swenson & their grandparents

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

Karen Murphy in memory of Brian, TW and Sloane Murphy

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

Janet & David Landby in honor of their five grandchildren

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

Jim & Kim Christianson in honor of their precious children and granddaughters

Christianson Family in memory of their loving parents and grandparents

John & Bonny Doyle in memory of Mr & Mrs Elof Johnson & Mr & Mrs Byron Doyle

Mark Buss & Chris Anderson in memory of Don Nielsen and Paul Anderson

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-9

11A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The 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. ³ His 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; ⁴ but 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. ⁵

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The 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. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They 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

² But 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.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And 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; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

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Luke 2:1-20

2In 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.

⁸ In 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

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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 Saviour, 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 on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ¹⁵ When 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.