

Christmas Eve

Contemporary Worship Service • December 24, 2022, 5pm

Faith Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

*Oh, What a Glorious Night!
For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM THE BAPTISMAL FONT Psalm 98 *stand*

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

Congregation: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.

P: Make a joyful noise before the King, our Lord.

C: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

P: Let the hills sing together for joy and the presence of the Lord, for our Lord is coming.

C: He comes to judge the world with righteousness and his people with equity!

P: Christ is here tonight! Merry Christmas!

C: Merry Christmas!

GATHERING CAROL & PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

Oh come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest

Refrain

3. Yea Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

GATHERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray,

ALL: Glorious God, we thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus. Tonight we celebrate his coming and we ask Jesus to honor us with his gracious, surprising presence. Fill our hearts with the hope and joy of Christmas. Glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

WELCOME/PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 9:2-7 Pew Bible pg. # 624

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible pg. #935, *stand*

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 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.

SONG OF THE NIGHT

O Holy Night

Verse 1

O 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
'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Chorus 1

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices.
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains He shall break for the slave is our brother.
And in His Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy Name.

Chorus 2

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices.
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, O night divine.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF / The Nicene Creed *stand*

Pastor: We proclaim the faith within us:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God who became flesh and dwells among us this night.

Congregation: Christ shall be called Wonderful! Christ shall be called Peace!

P: On this night, new joy entered our world,

C: We pray that we share that joy with each other this day and every day.

P: On this night, fresh hope entered our world,

C: We pray that we bring hope to those heavily burdened.

P: On this night, love was visible in a child,

C: We pray that we show our love for others in real ways of friendship and service.

P: On this night, the promise of peace on earth was proclaimed,

C: We pray that we be lovers of peace and demonstrate such love by peaceful responses to life's challenges and trials.

P: We celebrate Christmas.

C: We pray to deepen our relationship with God and with one another in ever-growing love and reverence. This was ask through Jesus, born this night; and born anew in our hearts as we love and serve him.

P: Let all God's people say . . .

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Holy Child be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

All greet one another with the peace of Baby Jesus!

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

Oh Come, Emmanuel

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: A child is born in Bethlehem.

Congregation: Come, let us adore him.

P: God shares divinity with us.

C: We lift our hearts to the Lord as we receive him in holy communion.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We practice hospitality, where all people are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper because we believe and trust that the gifts of God are free. Holy Communion is served by intinction: the worship assistant will give you a piece of bread and you can either dip that in the wine (chalice) or in the grape juice (clear glass). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

The First Noel

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night.
Refrain

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both pause and stay
right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Refrain

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay; the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: The Word of God dwells among us and the Light of God shines in our dark world.
Celebrate the hope, light and promise of this night.

Congregation: Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN REMEMBRANCE OF JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior, is born!
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. *repeat verse 1*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: And now may the glory of God surround you, the grace of Christ dwell within you
and the power of the Holy Spirit uphold you. Blessings in the name of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. *(Make a cross with your candle.)*

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Children are invited to come to the altar to lead the final carol.*

Joy to the World

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| 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
let ev'ry 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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, wonders of his love. |

DISMISSAL

Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP LEADERS

Minister	Pastor Bob Stelter
Altar Guild	Carrie Parrott
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter Teensy Weldon Frank Weldon Scarlett Parrott Jack Parrott
Greeters	Deb, Ethan & Matt Gray Yvette Edwards
Ushers	Doug Gerrick Earl Kripas
Nursery Caregiver	Tiffany Bryson



Christmas Day, Tomorrow, December 25

One service, 10am

A blessed day celebrating the birth of our Savior.

1st Sunday of Christmas, New Year's Sunday, January 1

One service, 10am

It's a Pajama Party & Goofy Slipper Contest!

*Join us for the fun, favorite carols and Communion
with a message that will help us keep Christmas all year.*

Join Us on Sundays

Traditional Worship ~ 9am

Contemporary Worship ~ 11:11am

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Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
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CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS

In honor of the Birth of Our Savior

Faith Lutheran Church

In memory of Joe, our son

Alice & Joe Pigott



POINSETTIAS

In honor of our grandchildren

Jane & Gary Dakolios

In honor of our grandchildren

In honor of our great grandchildren

Shirley & Ben Campbell

In honor of Michelle and Jason, our children

In honor of Pastor Bob and
our church staff members

Gloria & Ron Fife

In honor of our families

In memory of Leonard, Jeff & Jill Johnson

Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

In memory of AP Beardsley, my father

Laura Beardsley

In memory of Steve Joyce, my husband

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Kleena, my parents

Virginia McKinney

In memory of Adam Dean, our son

In memory of Myrtle & Wilbur Dean

In memory of Adelaide & Sterling Wigren

Nancy & Steve Dean

In memory of Virginia & Arthur Mabry and

Nita & Paul Hoover, our parents

Patricia & David Mabry

In memory of Lisa and Carol

Vicki Adams

In memory of Marian Kuehnert

Jennifer & Brad Berry

In memory of Austin Montgomery Herbold

In memory of Louise & CB Wright

In memory of Arlene & George Herbold

Mary & George Herbold

In memory of Ruth & Rev. Earl Gustafson

In memory of Mercedes & Donald Perkins

Carol & Phil Perkins

