



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023 ▪ New Year's Day

1st Sunday of Christmas

Baptism of Emilia Rose Primka



PAJAMA WORSHIP!

PRELUDE

Star Carol arr. Jay Rouse

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM THE BAPTISMAL FONT *stand*

Pastor: Jesus, born in a stable,

Congregation: May you find your spirit in us.

P: Jesus, who loves common people and those who are born poor and outcast;
Jesus, who feeds the masses with borrowed bread changed into the bread of life;
Jesus, weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice,

C: May you find your spirit in us.

P: Jesus, delighting in the lilies of the field, the birds of the air, and the companionship
of people everywhere,

C: May you find your spirit in us.

P: Jesus, persecuted by priests, mocked by scholars and slain by politicians,

C: May you find your spirit in us.

P: Jesus, loving the children, agonizing for the lost, calling us to forsake all that we have,

C: May you find your spirit in us.

P: Jesus, who calls us to reorder our lives and possessions,

C: May you find your spirit in us.

CONFESSION

Pastor: How, then, ought we to live? When we welcome Jesus as the magi did,
we experience endings and new beginnings. When we find Jesus, we begin
to reorder the ideas and possessions we hold most dear in order to live
in his presence. May this worship time together be one of reflection and
commitment as we make Jesus the center of all our experience.

Congregation: Lord, may you find your spirit in us.

P: Today, we mark the beginning of a new year. The Bible speaks of the fullness of time:

**C: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son in order to redeem us
so that we might receive adoption as his children.** (Galatians 4:4-5)

P: Let us commit our selves to Christ. (silence) We pray:

**ALL: O Christ, may this day be a day of reflection on your gifts and a day
of dedication to live your way. Have mercy on our weakness. Give us
the strength we need to grow in grace and wisdom.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy: to you is born Christ the savior.

ALL: Alleluia.

GATHERING SONG *hymnal, #275*

Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

CHILDREN'S TALK

WELCOME & COMMUNITY NEWS

PAJAMAS & CRAZY SLIPPERS

LESSONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Merill Sizemore, Lector

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13 *Pew Bible pg. #604*

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the Beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

MEDITATIONS

A year has passed. Today people will wish each other a happy new year without knowing whether it will be or not. Shall we, children of God, be able to face the future with no other luggage than our faith? It is, after all, our faith in Christ that distinguishes us from all those who want to lead us astray on ways that are not the ways of God.

Michale Bastin from *God Day by Day*

A new year at the hand of the Lord Jesus and we do not know whether we shall experience the end of this year or not. But if we drink from the fount of the Savior each day, then each day will lead us deeper into eternal life. We will be prepared to throw off the burdens of this life easily and cheerfully when, at some time, the call of the Lord sounds for us. The Divine Child offers us his hands to renew our commitment. Let us hurry to clasp his hands. Edith Stein from *The Hidden Life*

Recollection is just looking at Jesus more and more. It is our sweet occupation throughout the day, throughout the year. It has consummation at our hours of prayer. The way to the possession of Jesus is in each hour. It is the thousands of details and actions of daily life. We have only to bring to each of them a spirit of faith. Each moment will hold for us grace. Each will hold for us the awareness and presence of God. Mother Aloysius from *Fragrance from Alabaster*

When Jesus was born, I don't think Mary and Joseph thought about anything but the joys of having and holding the child. At that blessed midnight moment, the future did not exist: the rejection, betrayal, misunderstanding, the violence of scourging and crucifixion. There was only joy and gratitude. What was to come could not impinge on what was present. We all need times like that when the wonder of the present fills our being and the past and future cease to exist. Carmelites of Indianapolis from *Hidden Friends*

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 22:36-40 Pew Bible pg. #902

³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

SERMON

The Very First Sermon of 2023!

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG



1. As the old year pas - ses we look back, ref-lect: times of joy
 2. As the old year pas - ses sor - ow wells with-in: loved ones no
 3. As the old year pas - ses we cry for our strug - gling world.
 4. As the new year dawns now we would give you praise. come lead us



and prom - ise, times we'd best forget. God of the a - ges
 more round us, all that could have been. God of com - pass - ion
 Cli - mate ev - er - chang - ing, fight - ing too - oft - en heard. God, you have called us
 on - ward in new ways. We'll love and serve you in the faith



help us walk your way. Help us greet your fu-ture, seize to-mor-row's day.
 heal each ail-ing heart. Guide us to your fu-ture where new life may start.
 to cher - ish all you give. Call us to your fu-ture where all in peace, might live.
 of Christ, faith - ful God, in your Spi - rit's fu-ture; peo - ple of new

THE PRAYERS

Pastor: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world,
we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

P: Merciful God, broaden the church's hospitality and welcome. Open our hearts to any in need of refuge and help, especially those who are persecuted. Prosper the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Life-giving God, restore the health of the soil, the seas, and the air. Increase the joy and praise of all living things. In the coming year strengthen local, national, and international efforts to prevent further harm to the environment. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Liberating God, deliver your people from cruel oppression. Increase justice in every nation and keep the dream of freedom alive. In this new year bring the blessing of peace and put an end to violent conflict throughout the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Uplifting God, raise all who are bowed down by trouble and need, especially individuals and families living in poverty. Protect and nurture all children. Sustain those who parent, teach, and care for the young. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Abiding God, accompany this community in the coming year. Increase our love for one another and the neighbors we serve. Enrich our worship and deepen our faith. Sustain our pastor/s and all who minister in your name. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Loving God, the holy innocents who perish in every generation are safe in your keeping. We give you thanks and praise for the all the faithful who have gone before us into everlasting life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus,
we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

BAPTISM OF EMILIA ROSE PRIMKA *hymnal, page 229*

THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you each day in this new year.

Congregation: And also with you.

Congregation greets each other in the name of Jesus.

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM

The Time for Singing Has Come arr. Natalie Sleeth

Liz Elliott & Paula Morris, duet

OFFERING BLESSING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / HOLY 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.**

DISTRIBUTION SONG *hymnal # 278*

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Jane Dakolios, Nancy Dean
January 1-January 14

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be
signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of
the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and
healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Pastor: Go into this new day, into this new year, with the confident assurance that
Christ is with you. He is your salvation and his love is planted into your heart.
Blessings in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High



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 pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the 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?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go into this year to love God, Love others, serve.

All: Together we go. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Greensleeves arr. Donna Gatz

*Poinsettias on the altar are given by members of Faith Lutheran Church
in honor or memory of loved ones and to the glory of God.*

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Traditional Worship ~ 9am Contemporary Worship ~ 11:11am

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Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

((())) Faith Guest WiFi Password: beblessed

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WELCOME! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism & our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, pastorbob@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at [Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 10am today. It's a Pajama Party & Goofy Slippers Contest as we celebrate our Savior's birth and the new year with carols, communion and a special message.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Resumes January 8, 10:15am for the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, Resumes next Sunday, January 8, 10:15am.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

2023 FLOWER CHART has been posted. Sign up for memorials and honorariums for your loved ones.

USHER TRAINING, Sunday, January 22, 10:15am & 12:15pm in the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES will be mailed the **1st week in January.**

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Ann Stewart
Lector	Merill Sizemore
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Connie Rist, David Mabry Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner
Greeters	Debbie & Anthony Ragucci
Ushers	Randy Stewart, Chuck Crosby
Offering Stewards	Gary Mount

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open: Mondays, January 9, 3-5pm

& January 23, 3-6pm

Items needed:

- Jelly (plastic bottles) • Large Soup • Syrup (plastic bottles)
- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger Helper)
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:

shephopepantry@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

— OFFICE CLOSED Monday, January 2 —

INSTALLATION OF 2023 COUNCIL NEXT Sunday, both services.

"DE-GREENING" OF THE CHURCH Sunday, January 8, 12:15pm.

Join us for a quick removal & storage of Christmas decorations. Please take your poinsettias home with you at 12:15pm.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm

in the library. Pastor Bob will present How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope, edited by James Crews.

MOMS & KIDS SUPPORT GROUPS

MOPS—Tuesdays, January 10 & 24, 6pm.

The Littles Group—Wednesday, January 11, 10am.

MOMS of Northshore—resume in February.

COUNCIL MEETING & RETREAT SATURDAY, January 14, 9am.

WELCA ANNA ESTHER CIRCLE Wednesday, January 18, 10am. Ladies, please join us. Call Pat Lyman, 865-675-2189.

ART OF WORSHIP YOUTH Wednesday, January 18, 6-7:30pm.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SALVATION ARMY VISIT on Tuesday, January 24, meet at church, 5pm. We'll take your donations of men's boxer briefs, sizes m-xl, women's underwear, sizes 6-11, snacks & goodies and a joyful heart to share.

FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, January 28.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Barbara Barass, Peggy Beckwith, Larry Benorden, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Nancy Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Jan & Steve Damell, Patsy Elmore, Ron Fife, Kim Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Rosemarie Greenman & family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Joan Howard, Tami Jansen, Larry Koran, Jr., Carmen Larsen, Michael Lee, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Foster Loyacano, Bill Lucas, Heather McDonald, Joe Morelli, Debbie Moore, Judy Morris, Walter Paquet, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Loni Peters, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Danny Willis.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDS: Ava Alkire, Kathy Baxter, Emily Bell-Smith, Jeff Belt, David Berdal, Marsha Bode, Boring family, Sharon Brokenshire, Gary Bunch, Freddie Burgess, Mike Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Marty & Marybeth Connor, Ian Cooper, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, the Daminco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Patsy Elmore, Vader Ernst, Karen Evans & LeAnn, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Nicholas Frank, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Bill Gross, David Gunderson, Rita Heavner, Gary Holtz, Bea Horian, Esther Jones, Allison Kenniger, Donna Knick, Ally Koonce, Melinda, Dillon & Paul Koonce, Tammy & Paul Koonce, Laura Lehner, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Linda McCallister, Brenda Montgomery, Sue Olson, Fea April Penn, Jim Pressley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Alice Ramsey & family, Rick Reed, Shannon Remington, Gerald Rosenberger, Claude Salles, Donald Salles, the Salles family, Mya Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Terry Serano, Tiphinnie Shea-Scoba, Austin Stephens, Dempsey Sullins, Frank Tyler, the Varanka family, Barb & Jerry Weldon, Janet Wengert, Scott Williams, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Edison Yee, Kim Yee, the Zehner family, Bob, Darcy, Gayle, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Kerry, Manard, Michael, Sean, Savannah, Walter *and those we name to You.*

BAPTISMAL JOY: Emilia Rose, daughter of Corynne & Ted Primka; sponsors, SunAh & Benjamin Ross; grandparents, Lynda & Ted Primka.

RETIREMENT BLESSINGS: Congratulations to Bill Steele on his retirement.

JOY AT THE BIRTH: Olivia Alexandria Herbold, granddaughter of Mary & George Herbold.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Marion Berdal, Marce Matisko, Jimmy Dean, Ruth Sittler, Pratt Hughes, Louie Martin.

CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, RAISE Jamaica; Mercy Ships, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

NEW 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ted Primka, President
Doug Goins, Vice President
Laura Beardsley, Secretary
Alan Berdal, Treasurer
Ritchie Case, Adam Edwards, Alice Pigott,
Rick Smenner, David Wyatt

WEEK OF JANUARY 1-8, 2023

Sunday, January 1 1st Sunday of Christmas

New Year's Day Baptism of Emilia Rose Primka Pajama Party & Goofy Slippers

10:00am One Worship Service
10:15am Praise Team rehearsal
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*

Monday, January 2 Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 4

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*
4:00pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5

9:00am Authors Guild of East Tennessee
9:30am Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Saturday, January 7

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*

Sunday, January 8 Epiphany Sunday Installation of Council

9:00am Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
10:15am Adult Sunday School
Children's Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am Contemporary Worship
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*

Love God
Mission
Love Others
Serve

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22.

Wednesday: Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31. • **Thursday:** Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2.

Friday Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148, 10-14; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23. • **Saturday** Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21.

Epiphany of Our Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.