



Christmas Eve

SERVICE

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Nativity of the Christ/Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM

December 24, 2024



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence tonight.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

SERVING US TONIGHT

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Greeters: TBD (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Olivia Mitchell, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang.

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

William Polzin & Wil Mandac

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

PRELUDE

“THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS”
(Arr. by Robert J. Hughes)

Beth Stauter

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“I SAW THREE SHIPS”
(Arr. By Patricia Sanders Cota)

St. Luke Bells

HYMN:

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

ELW #283

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

[P] In winter’s deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus’ birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

HYMN

“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

ELW #290

PROCLAMATION

[P] Let creation proclaim: Christ is born!

[C] **O Come let us adore him – Christ is the Lord!**

INVOCATION

[P] The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDELL

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You 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.

For 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.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For 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.

His 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.

HYMN

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

ELW #270

CHOIR ANTHEM

“WHAT STAR IS THIS”

(By David Lanz)

**St. Luke Choir,
St. Luke Bells
& William Polzin, Clarinet**

2nd Reading – Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

3rd Reading – Luke 2:1-7

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

HYMN

"AWAY IN A MANGER"

ELW #278

4th Reading – Luke 2:8-20

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

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

[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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

HYMN:

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

ELW #289

MESSAGE

"TO BE REBORN"

Pastor Dan Tisdell

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERTORY

“O SAVIOR SWEET, O SAVIOR KIND”

Beth Stauter

(By J.S. Bach, Arr. By George Blake)

OFFERING PRAYER

[P] God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN:

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

ELW #296

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] God of grace,

[C] **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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.

“LAMB OF GOD”

(music found on page 154)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST

(be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups in the basket or bread and your choice of wine or grape juice by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION SONG:

“BREATH OF HEAVEN”

Sung by Deb Mandac

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

[C] **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT AND CANDLE LIGHTING

GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION – JOHN 1:1-14

(Read by the light of the Christ candle)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN: ***“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”*** ***ELW #281***

CHOIR ANTHEM ***“TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR”*** **St. Luke Choir**
(By Marc Cerisier)

BENEDICTION

[P] The God of love, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

[C] **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN ***“JOY TO THE WORLD”*** ***ELW #267***

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Go in peace OF Christ, God-with-us.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE: ***“RISE UP, SHEPHERD”*** **Beth Stauter**
(Arr. By Karl Osterland)

“HE WHOM SHEPHERDS ONCE CAME PRAISING”
(Arr. By Paul Manz)

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