

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Worship

Holy Communion

December 24, 2024

3:00 p.m. / 5:00 p.m.



PREDLUDE

WELCOME (* = congregation stands)

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit:
Maker of heaven and earth, Word made flesh, Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

Standing in the light of Christ, let us confess our need for God's mercy.

Silence for reflection

God of peace,

We confess that we are not at peace – with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in the world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Restore us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love to heal every broken heart. With joy I announce to you: In the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

*HYMN 283

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: Refrain
- 4 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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. **Choir Anthem**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 286 – Verse 1**

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

1 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;
enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

*** THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]**

¹In 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.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN 277 (Offering Received)

“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 bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, 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.

HYMN 279

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

*THE PRAYERS

*OFFERTORY (Tune: *“What Child Is This?”*)

**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!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*PREFACE & PRAISE *(Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High")*

May the good Lord be with you
Lift your hearts to God in praise.

May the Lord be with you, too.

To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

In the Word of God made flesh
Great and wondrous mystery

Now we see with vision fresh

God's abundant majesty.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

Therefore, with the Church on earth
And the hosts of heav'n above.

Let us praise his name, whose birth

Brings to us eternal love.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER *(Tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")*

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,
most holy be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth –
in heav'n the same.**

Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

296 ***"What Child Is This"***

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 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!

276 ***“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”***

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

282 ***“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”***

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

BLESSING & PRAYER**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(Tune: “God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen”)

**O, thank the Lord and sing his praise,
What he has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And gladly bear his name.
Who leads his thankful people forth,
His promises to claim.**

***Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.***

**Lord, let your servant go in peace.
Your Word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work
Which for the world you willed;
The glory of your chosen race
As light for all revealed.**

***Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.***

CANDLE LIGHTING

The minister lights a large candle from the altar candle or advent wreath, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. Ushers light their candles from the minister's candle and then light the candle of each worshiper neared the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dealt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only son from the father.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

HYMN 281

"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, heav'nly 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.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*BENEDICTION

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth
bring you new and abundant life.
May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.
May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
give peace to you and to all creation.
The blessing of almighty God, the Father,
the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 267

"Joy to the World"

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

POSTLUDE

YEAR-END GIFTS: December is a crucial month for Our Redeemer's financial stewardship. We need to catch up and tackle the money borrowed for the elevator project! If you are able to give an extra year-end gift above and beyond your regular offering, we are grateful. If you have not yet given your regular offering as a participating member of this congregation, then we ask that you do that before month's end. This is a shared responsibility that we have together as a congregation, and when we all participate, with gifts of any size, we are able to meet our obligations. Gifts for 2024 should be in the church office by 4 p.m., on Monday, December 30th, so they may be deposited before year's end (important if you are claiming them as a tax deduction). Gifts made later than that date will also be gratefully received. Thank you for supporting all of Our Redeemer's wonderful ministries! -The Stewardship Commission

Christmas Joy to All of You!

Thank you for the many greetings and gifts shared with us this Christmas and the rest of the year. We appreciate them all and are grateful for your kindness!

Our Redeemer's Staff: Pastor Zane, Katrina Johnson, Lynda Giese, Joy Zehringer,
Matthew and Ainsley Anderson



A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM THE STAFF

- In memory of Raymond and Warren Gandrud, given by Cleo Gandrud and family.
- In memory of Patrick Quint and Erland Herfindahl, given by Hege & Grant Herfindahl.
- In memory of Stan Iverson, given by Julie & Lance Ohmacht and family, Scott & Shelly Iverson and family & Karen Waites and family.
- In memory of Carl & Minnie Bagstad and Bill & Edna Lee, given by Barb Lee Saunders and family.
- In memory of Mark Dale, Peter & Evelyn Dale and Ray & Pearl Palmer, given by Chip & Gwen Dale.
- In memory of Jim & Norma Edman and Wendell & Vonnie Bausman, given by Kevin & Peggy Bausman.
- In loving memory of our daughter, Nicole Peterson, given by her mom and dad, Byron & Vicki Olson.
- In thanksgiving for all those who are so thoughtful in caring for others, given anonymously.
- In memory of Ellen Puchalski, given by Buth Puchalski and family.
- In memory of husband Allen Loen, infant son Reid Loen, parents Thov & Doris Svingen and Alice & Stanley Loen, given by Diane Loen.
- In thankfulness and love for our Doscher family, given by Gene & Dianne Doscher.
- In memory of Keith Baukol, given by Jan Baukol and children: Kim, Kyle, Kristen and families.
- In memory of Floyd & Marjorie Evenson, given by Ron Evenson.
- In memory of Cliff Bronniche, given by his family.
- In memory of Mervin & Glendiva Backman and Erwin & Helen Groneberg, given by Mike & Ginny Backman.
- In memory of our parents and grandparents, given by Randy & JoNell Schmidt.
- In honor of our children, given by Randy & JoNell Schmidt.
- In thanksgiving for our wonderful Sunday school teachers, given by Paul & Josie Syverson.
- In memory of Joyce Nokleby, given by Paul & Josie Syverson.
- In thanksgiving for our family and health, given by Andy & Robyn Abner.
- In memory of Bill Cronen, given by Sharon, Chad, Cindy, Layton, Marissa & Adam and James & Cheri.

- In memory of Bob Lee, given by Rob & Michelle Lee.
- In memory of Lew & Joyce Nokleby, given by Adam Nokleby, Stephanie Trapp and Logan Nokleby.
- In honor of all those who are born sleeping, given anonymously.
- In honor of all those who are currently serving in the military, given anonymously.
- In loving memory of Virgil Thielke, given by Lola and family.
- In thanksgiving for our children and their spouses: Jeff & Julie, Kristy & Caleb, Kelly & Ryan and our 5 grandsons, given by Bruce & Jean Holgate.
- In memory of Rod Ellingson, given by his family.
- In memory of Wallace Bangsund, given by Brett & Sara Jensen and grandchildren.
- In memory of Vernon Vergin and Brenda Carlson, given by Char Vergin.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO SPONSORED POINSETTIAS FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!

<u>Organist</u> 3 & 5 PM – Gary Mills	<u>Acolytes</u> 3 PM – Cian Klucas, Mason McGeary 5 PM – McKenzie Fernholz, Hallie Lundebrek
<u>Communion Servers</u> 3 PM – Stephen Kowal, TBD, TBD 5 PM – Don & Rachel Wilcox, TBD	<u>Lay Readers</u> 3 PM – Stephen Kowal 5 PM – Don Wilcox
<u>Projector Operator</u> 3 & 5 PM – Sue Hess	

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