

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ✠

December 24, 2021

10:00 PM

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*



✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6 no. 8 ~ Fatto per la notte di Natale
I – Vivace, Grave
II – Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Welcome

*Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth,
when man and woman were formed in God's own image;
long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow
in the clouds as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom;
eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges;
a thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year
from the founding of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father,
willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy,
was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.
Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.
O come, let us adore Him.*

Processional Hymn

*Please stand
as you are able*

Adeste Fidelis

**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!**

**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

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God... In...the .. Highest:**

Refrain

**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

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: **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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastoralmesse in D

Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

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. 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.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

✠ The Reading of the Christmas Gospel ✠

Vom Himmel Hoch

*From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all the world, and gladly sing.*

*To you this night is born a child
Of Mary chosen virgin mild;
This new-born child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.*



Saint Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar 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 first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Greensleeves

**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!**

**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!**



Saint Luke 2:8-14

In that place there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks 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 Christ, 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!”

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherd, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song?**

Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

Refrain



Saint Luke 2: 15-20

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; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these 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.

Vom Himmel Hoch

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child,
Make thee a bed soft undefiled
Within my heart that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.**

**"Glory to God in highest heave'n,
Who unto us the Son has giv'n."
With angels sing in pious mirth
a glad new year to all the earth.**

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



Sermon

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.



✠ Offering ✠

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Offertory

Nativity Carol

John Rutter (b.1945)

*Born in a stable so bare Born so long ago
Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day
Cradled by mother so fair Tender her lullaby
Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day
Wise men from distant far land Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare Hearts with his warmth he fills
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day
Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow
Innocent dreaming babe Make me thy love to know
Far away, silent he lay Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye Born on Christmas Day.*

In dulci jubilo

Offertory Response

*Please stand
as you are able.*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

Offertory Prayer

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

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.

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, as born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

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.

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.



Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
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Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us;
Grant us peace. Amen.*

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion

Distribution Music

III – Adagio, Allegro, Adagio

IV – Vivace

V - Allegro

Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand as
you are able*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**Post-Communion
Hymn**



*Ushers will begin from the front and midway back
to light the candles of those sitting on the aisle.*

Stille Nacht

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.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus
for the sake of the world God loves.*

Benediction



May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
:/: And heaven, and nature sing.:/:
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
:/: Repeat the sounding joy.:/:
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
:/: And wonders of his love.:/:

Postlude

VI – Pastorale

WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

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Thank You!

*Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate our church for the Christmas season—
Lee Wilson, Pastor Haug & the Haug family. Your labors are greatly appreciated.*

Thank you, also for the lovely poinsettias provided by:



*Dawn Allan – in memory of Bruce Barrett Allan
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**Poinsettias may be taken home after this Candlelight Service.
You may confirm your order on the list on the Christy Room door.**