

*Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

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*Christmas Eve*  
*December 24, 2018*  
*3:00 pm*



**Our Mission—To Know, to Live and to Share God's Word**

*Welcome* to each and all gathered together for worship.  
We extend a heart-felt welcome to our guests and visitors.  
We trust that our worship will be a blessing for those long and short in faith and for those who are seeking spiritual encounter with Christ.

*We ask that guests please sign our guestbook.*

**Communion:** We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Savior of the world; that He died on the cross for the forgiveness of all humanity; that according to His promise, He is truly and really present in the sacramental meal. We believe that partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ occasions the confession of our sin and the desire to amend our lives.

If you are Baptized and share our faith,  
please feel free to share our altar.

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**Prelude:** Ding Dong Merrily on High – arr. Sorenson – Al Spotts, Piano  
Tidings of Joy – arr. Larson, Todd Williams, trombone  
Somebody Build a Manger – Raney, Adult Choir  
Noel Festival – arr. Larson – Todd Williams, trombone

## Welcome

*Please Stand*

**Gathering Hymn:** ELW #283, O Come All Ye Faithful

## Dialogue

In snow-capped churches, and on sand-strewn beaches,

**God's people gather in joy to celebrate a birth.**

With hopes littering our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree,

**We offer our thanks and praise for the gift of grace swaddled in love.**

With eyes wide open like little children, with hearts full of wonder and laughter,

**We join our lives with Mary and Joseph, with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.**

## Prayer

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.**

**Hymn of Praise:** ELW #288, Good Christians Friends Rejoice

*Please be seated*

**First Reading** - A reading from Isaiah 62:6-12

<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. <sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; <sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. <sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." <sup>12</sup>They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Procession: ELW #289, Angels We Have Heard On High

- 1 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.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

## Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Gospel Recession:** ELW #289, Angels We Have Heard On High

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sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

### *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

*Please be seated*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #290, Go Tell It On The Mountain

*Please kneel as you are able*

**Prayers of Intercession:** Your response today is: **Your Mercy is great**

As heaven and earth rejoice, let us pray for the needs of the church and all the world.

*A brief silence.*

Your great compassion, O God, has increased our joy. Give us gratitude each day for your light and the bread of life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Because of your generosity, the trees clap their hands, the deep waters teem with varied creatures, and the stars burn with distant fire. Make us grateful for all that you call us to nurture and protect. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Because you know our need for order, you give us nations, cities, and neighborhoods. Help us to welcome the expertise of leaders, to uphold their good direction, and to oppose what harms the vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Because you are a God of healing and renewal, you make whole what is broken. We beg your mercy on all who find this time of year a burden. Strengthen the grieving and comfort those who struggle with addictions. We pray especially for those we name aloud or silently Bunchie Crusoe, Jon Roth, Kennette Anderson, John Boyer, Richard Radwick, Julia Adams, Gail Morris, Mereda Senter, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Sam Horton, Sonny Reeder-Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have given us to each other to encourage and challenge. Give us hearts that remember your Christmas gifts beyond this night. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those before us who witnessed to your presence, taught us to pray, and strengthened us in the truth, and all with whom we share the feast of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Pastor: God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....Long Silence.....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Pastor:** Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

The peace of the Christ Child be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

**Offertory:** In The Bleak Midwinter – arr. Bettinis, Adult Choir

*Please stand*

**Offertory Response:** ELW #296, What Child Is This, vs. 1 & 3

What child is this who lay 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!

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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

## **Offering Prayer**

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Dialogue of Thanksgiving

Now, may Bethlehem's Child bless you!

**And also bless you!**

Now, may the children of God open their hearts.

**We offer them to the One who loves us each and every day.**

Now, may we join in the songs of the angels.

**We join our voices with those of every time and place.**

## Words of Institution

As we gather to receive the Christ child, we remember that it was in the night in which he was betrayed that 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!

**Let every heart receive our Savior!**

## Hymn: ELW #268, From Heaven Above

My heart for very joy now leaps; my voice no longer silence keeps;  
I too must sing with joyful tongue the sweetest ancient cradle song;

Glory to God in highest heav'n, who unto us the Son has given.

With angels sing in pious mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

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*Please be seated*

**Distribution** (*Communion will be by intinction*)

**Communion Music:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – arr. Carter – Todd Williams  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – arr. Carter – Todd Williams  
ELW #279, O Little Town of Bethlehem  
ELW #282, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

*Please stand*

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of the Word made flesh, Jesus our Lord, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Candle Lighting**

The Light shines in the darkness,

**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**And we have beheld Christ's glory.**

To us a child is born.

**To us a Son is given.**

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**May the light of Christ's love fill our hearts with love.**

*Please be seated*

**Please use safety while lighting your candle. Adults light candles for children. Hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle towards the lit candle. Glow sticks are available for small children.**

**Music during lighting:** O Holy Night – Adam. Heidi Marcelli, Soprano

*Please stand*

**Music during candles:** ELW #28, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

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, heav'nly hosts 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 your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

## **Benediction & Sending**

On this holy night, all is calm.

**All is bright.**

Now surrounded by love's true Light, may the blessing of God the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon all and remain with you always

**Amen.**

Now go in peace, for Christ the Savior is born!

**Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn:** ELW # 267, Joy To The World

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Christmas Eve Service!**

**Acolyte/Bookbearer:**

**Lector:** Ed Waas

**Communion Assistants:** Sharon Tandarich  
Bob Kuch

**Hand out candles/glowsticks**

**Ushers:** Bob Haines  
Mike Mentzer

***Poinsettia's given in honor of and in memory of:***

*(Flowers may be taken after the 7:00 pm service)*

**Given by:**

Bill & Jo McAdoo  
Joan Merkle  
Joan Merkle  
Joan Merkle  
  
Ginny Lozinski  
John & Hanny White  
Muriel Rose  
Rose Reid  
Rose Reid  
Josh, Mel & Haylee Black  
Matt & Heidi Marcelli  
Nancy Kirchgasser  
Bob & Sandy Haines  
Bob & Sandy Haines  
Pete Whiteman  
Hank & Debbie Panning

**In honor of:**

David & Marlea McAdoo, Beth & Pete Fisher  
Terri & Jesse Black  
Grandchildren  
GreatGrandchildren  
Grandchildren, Chelsea, Zach, Ryan and Sgt. Patrick Peters,  
who is serving in Afghanistan  
Children and Grandchildren  
Family  
Husband, Jerry Reid  
Parents/Sister, H. Joseph & Margaret Krauss & Arlene  
Joan Merkle  
Grandchildren, Mason & Emery Neff  
Ross Kirchgasser (New Member of PA Bar Assoc.)  
Kay Althouse, Mom  
Grandchildren, RJ, Ava, Jaxon, Hunter, Mason  
Deceased members of LCGS  
Our Children, Sarah & Josh

**Given by:**

Bob & Sandy Haines  
Bob & Sandy Haines  
Hank & Debbie Panning  
Glen Ford Family  
Glen Ford Family  
Ethel Zvetchin  
Ethel Zvetchin  
Lois Pry

**In memory of:**

Parents, Jim & Lisa Haines  
Stepfather, Jim Althouse  
Hank's parents - Fred & Helen Panning  
Clarence & Esther Hanna  
Herbert & Anne Ford  
Michael Zvetchin  
Joseph & Julia Myers  
Margaret & Edward Spence

Lois Pry  
Lois Pry  
Mary Lou & Jerry Rubincam  
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Raymond & Mary Lou Taylor  
Bill & Jo McAdoo  
Tony & Betty Lee Genaro  
Joan Merkle  
Ginny Lozinski  
John & Hanny White  
Muriel Rose  
Muriel Rose  
Rose Reid  
Ruth & Jack McMahon  
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Clavier & DeSilver Families  
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Dawn Ford  
The Montoro Family  
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Sally Breuninger  
Sharon Hopkins  
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Joe Hamelton  
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Son, Eddie Pry  
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Parents, Bud & Ellen Rubincam  
Parents, Edith & Ralph Taylor; Mary & Benjamin Simmers  
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Ben Merkle  
Miriam Reilly  
Ivor Townsend III  
Lucy Keck  
Gloria Michelfelder  
The Lammey Family  
Marie Albright  
Rubina Andreozzi  
Steve Lozinski  
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Everett Rose  
Parents, Earl & Emma March  
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