

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm & 10:00pm

Members, guests, visitors: Welcome to worship on this holy night. We gather to walk with the shepherds, to sing with the angels, to worship at the manger of the Child born as Savior of the world. So all may enter into and remain in a spirit of worship, please limit your conversation during prelude and refrain from applause following individual musical selections.

Prelude

Choir Prologue (3:30/5:30) "How Great Our Joy"

Processional Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 283

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!

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)*

Christmas Greeting

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

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

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

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

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer for Christmas

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 (1:30)

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” by M. Leontovich, arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

Handbell Ensemble
Bev Splinter, director

(3:30/5:30)

“Never A Brighter Star” words by Eileen Berry, music by Dan Forrest

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Arlene Brandt-Jenson, director
Mary Wika, accompanist

(10:00)

“O Holy Night”

by Adolphe Charles Adam, words by Cappeau De Roquemaure, translated by John S Dwight

Robbyn Givens

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

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. 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.

Carol

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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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.

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

Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the 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.

Carol "Away in a Manger" # 277

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.
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.
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.

Christmas Gospel Luke 2:1-14

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!"

Carol "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" # 282

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.
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.

Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

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.

Sermon

"The Christmas Mess"

Pastor Kent Stillson

Carol

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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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.
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!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Christmas Offering

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" # 270

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
(Refrain) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the Church

Holy Communion

Words of Institution - The Lord's Prayer - Distribution

(1:30)

"Mary Did You Know" by Mark Lowry & Buddy Green, arr. by Roger Emerson
Christmas Worship Team

(3:30/5:30)

Christmas Duets for Flutes arr. by Kenneth Baird
Kristin Jenson and Kasidy Tvedt

Candlelight Service

Tip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor's, to avoid wax dripping.

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word,

People: and the word was with God, and the Word was God.

Pastor: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him,

People: and without him not one thing came into being.

Pastor: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

(1:30)

"Silent Night" by Frank Gruber, arr. by Brad Weishaupt

Handbell Ensemble
Bev Splinter, director

Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" # 281

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.

Prayer

Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

(candles may be extinguished)

Sending Song "Joy to the World" # 267

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.
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.
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.

Call to Service Pastor: Go in peace to celebrate the wonders of God's love.
All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Those Serving This Christmas Eve

Presiding: Pastor Dan Ofstehage **Preaching:** Pastor Kent Stillson

Christmas Worship Team:

(1:30) Piano: Marian Riddle; Guitar: Greg Dubois; Bass: Don Armstrong;
Vocals: Pam Raeder, Julie Rude, Julianne Decker, Sandy Albertsen, Darian Givens,
Robbyn Givens, Mike Johnson, Buck Crouse

Organist:

(3:30/5:30/10:00) AJ Sherrill

Instrumentalists:

(1:30) Handbell Ensemble – Annette Gugel, Pat Crom, Marian Riddle, Jan Larsen,
Kathryn Macek, Lisa Carrico, Bev Splinter

(3:30/5:30) Flute: Kristin Jenson, Kassidy Tvedt

(10:00) Guitar: Shawn Lenning; Flute: Robbyn Givens

Acolytes:

(1:30) Emma Ofstehage, Luke Rieffenberger

(3:30) Sam Karst, Griffyn Muller

(5:30) Ethan & Emma Wientjes

(10:00)

Crossbearer:

(3:30) Haydn McGillivary

(5:30) Kaylee Iverson

Greeters:

(1:30) Jim & Peggy Silliman

(3:30)

(5:30) Darlene Bailey

(10:00) Pam Luckhurst

Head Ushers:

(1:30) Cal Wiesner, Allen Rude

(3:30) Darwin Brinkman, Steve Kjellsen, Allen Rude

(5:30) Darwin Brinkman

(10:00) Gary Grewing, Curt Friedrichsen

Ushers:

(1:30) Clark & Gerry Likness, Don Seim, Bob & Dorothy Synstad, Marv Sherrill

(3:30) Eric, Melissa & Kole Muller, Bret, Gwen, Addy & Grayson McGillivary,
Mike & Diane Madsen

(5:30) Milt, Chris & Josh Carter, Jacob & Amanda Carter

(10:00) Linda Grewing

Lector:

(1:30) Clark Likness

(5:30) Maylou Austin

(3:30) Diane Madsen

(10:00) Barb Cramer

Communion Assistants:

(1:30) Clark & Gerry Likness, Kevin, Kari, Samantha & Hannah Keup

(3:30) Eric & Melissa Muller, Bret & Gwen McGillivary, Dan & Misty Brenden,
Bob & Arlene Jenson

(5:30) Peg Juba, Bob Jenson, Milt, Chris & Josh Carter, Jacob & Amanda Carter,
Doug & Maylou Austin, Andrew Pfaff, Arlene Brandt-Jenson

(10:00) Barb Cramer

Sound & Projection:

(1:30) Cathy Zubke, Lisa Carrico

(5:30) Pete & Alex Juba

(3:30) Aaron Sowers, Darrin VanMeter

(10:00) Roger Austad

Altar Committee:

(1:30) Pam Raeder, Pat Crom

(5:30) Nancy Iverson, Denise Schmahl

(3:30) Lori Enstad, Renae Madison

(10:00) Pam Luckhurst

An unstaffed nursery is available across the hall from the office area.

Note on Holy Communion: Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer practices “open Communion”, which means you do not need to be a member to receive the Sacrament.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer staff - Pastor Kent Stillson, Pastor Dan Ofstehage, Jodi Spilde, Donna Hamre, Robbyn Givens, Philip Lickei, Twila Schmitt, Christy Crook, Nikki Landmark, Jill Hauger, Adam Lauseng, Marilyn Byer and Jodi Pearson - wish all the family and friends of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May God bless us as we together seek to do the will of God who loved us so much that He became one with us in Jesus Christ.

Poinsettias Given to the Glory of God:

by Burdette & Janet Drake, Craig & Rachel Boyens Family, Doug & Maylou Austin,
Jason & Jillian Viessman Family and Drs. Ed & Cathy Gerrish

Poinsettias Given in Honor of:

Our Family by John & Lorna Stonebarger

Mom & Dad, Grandparents & Uncles by Rylie Ann Heller

Our Children & Grandchildren by Roger & Karla Stimson

Our Parents by Carol, Joe, Jill, Paul, Jordan, Seddie, Madison & Olivia

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Samuel John Horstmeyer by Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer

Dr. Rodney Ellefson by Pauline Ellefson & Family

Kathy Terwilliger by Alan, Kerry, Abby, Kate & Madeline Stager

Ken & Dorothy Stillson by Kent and Holly Stillson

John Krabseth by Kent & Holly Stillson

Mark Geffre by Kathy Geffre

Dorothy Holmquest by the Holmquest Family

John R. Holmquest by the Holmquest Family

Allen Andersh and Arden Stave by Burt & Barb Andersh

Joan Orthaus by Chad & Sarah Orthaus, Dylan, Brett & Ivy, Cole, Taylor & Olivia

Our Parents & Grandparents Grover & Joyce Peterson and Lester & Helen Johnson
by the Ron & Candace Johnson Family

Merrill & Peggy Hurlbert by Lee, Jane & Ross Hurlbert and Meg & Luke Hannemann

Perry & Shirley Williamson, Ron Williamson and Peg Slobe
by Lee, Jane & Ross Hurlbert and Meg & Luke Hannemann

Dale Ronning by Lana & Family

Ivey Turbak, Maynard Stormo and Butch & Dorothy Turbak by Ken & Kim Turbak

Glenn Frentz by Barb Frentz

Corky & Virginia Moehring by Their Family

Melvin Enstad by Marcella & Family

Harold and Rodney Schroeder by Rich, Melanie & Dillon Schroeder

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Our Parents by Allen & Julie Rude

Grandparents, Peter & Marian Melgard by Todd & Darci Nichols

Marlys Enstad by Keith Enstad

Dallas Radi and Roslyn Arneson by Charles & Marilyn Arneson

Grandma Comes, Grandpa Spartz, Uncle Bob and Uncle Jerry by Bret, Gwen, Addy, Haydn & Graysn McGillivray

Patricia Cassidy by the Carrico Family

Violet Carrico by the Carrico Family

Patricia Lafontaine by Jalyn & Tyrus Carrico

David Carrico by the Carrico Family

Cecelia Ortega by Travis, Lisa, Jalyn & Tyrus Carrico

Erick Wientjes by Di, Ethan & Emma Wientjes

Fred, Susan & Sophia Bailey and Erick Wientjes by Darlene Bailey

Russ DeVine, Terry DeVine, Lisa Albers and Joan Hopper by Monte & Michele Hopper

Maynard Syhre by Dorothy Syhre, Dan & Gretchen, Keith & Deanne and DeWayne & LaDeen

Larry Rohde by Tammy Rohde

Roger Givens and Don Givens by Ron, Robbyn, Prescott & Darian Givens

Joyce Gauger and Theresa Gantvoort by Robbyn, Ron, Prescott & Darian Givens

Our Loving Parents by Ron & Sharon Shimitz

R. Dean Brandsrud by Janet Brandsrud & Family

Joan Orthaus and Ray Moe by Jeff & Paula Orthaus, Katie Berg & Kelsey Marquardt

Virgil & Adeline Hagen by Maggie & Kyle Rieffenberger

Deanna Kluckman, Ted Kluckman and Ralph Johnson by Bob, Dawn & Scott Johnson

Gene Lundy and Michael Lundy by Dave & Tammy Neale & Families

Donna Neale by Dave & Tammy Neale & Families

Parents, Alma & Albert Ohlrogge by Linda Schoepp

Ivey Turbak by her siblings, Atwood & Olivian Turbak

Grandparents and Great Grandparents by the McAreavey Family

Bob Munsterman by Deb Munsterman & Family

Chad Lamb and Joel Lamb by Bradyn Lamb, Dale & Janet Even and Families

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Jamie Isaacson by Caryn Isaacson, Jennifer, Brian, William & Amelia Harms, Dylan Schaible,
Stacey, Aaron, Brandon & Zack Rost

Connie Johnson and Stanley Frogner

Myron Kindopp by Suzie Kindopp & Family

Sister and Mother-in-Law by Herb & Kathy Carstens

Diane Medhaug by Tony & Emma Struwe

Lily Stroup by Aaron & Christina Althoff & Family

Our Parents by Marian & Rich Riddle

Grandpa Bob Nichols by Sophia Nichols

Linda Hansen (Sarah's Mom) by Pastor Dan & Sarah Ofstehage

Herb & Ellie Jenson, "Dode" Schultz and Pat Jenson by the Rogers, Jenson and Ernst Family

Howard Nielsen by Michael, Cheryl, Alec, Natalie, Samantha & Abby Anderson

Leo, Bette & Drake Titze and Duane Mohror by Grant & Deb Titze & Family

J. Milton & Alice Carter, Mike Carter and Chloe Larson by Milt & Chris Carter

Bob Collins and Mike Rukstad by Milt & Chris Carter

Our Parents, Ben & Phyllis Karst, Allen & Dorothy Zeller and Kim Karst by the Ken Karst Family

John & Eloise Manus, George & Delores Raeder and Joel Manus by Al & Pam Raeder

Our Parents and Sisters by Steve & Nyla Bergan

Our Parents by Jim & Peggy Silliman

Our Parents, Alvin & Hazel Spanton and Glen & Betty Schull by Steve & Patti Schull

Our Parents & Grandparents by Gary & Leigh Kuecker and Morgan & Tate Johnson

Alexa Stavig by Troy, Katie, Skyler, Ethan & Mackenzie Stavig

Fred Van Gilder by Pam Van Gilder

Russ Wilkins by Charlene & Family

The Loved Ones We Have Lost by Steve & Nancy Kjellsen

Joe Moeller by Karen Moeller & Family

Our Parents, Forrest & Mildred Stimson and Arlee Johnson by Roger & Karla Stimson

Marilyn Harms by her Family

Ron Holter by Brian, Deb, Benjamin & Abbie Holter and Austin & Brianna Whitley

Bonnie Kallenberger by Christy Kallenberger & Kaleb Bohling