

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2017

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

*Proclamational Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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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)*

*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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (1:30)

Christine Louise Anderson, infant daughter of Cory & Ashley Anderson

Sponsors: Jamie Plunkett and Jim & Christine Anderson

Special Music (1:30)

“At Christmas Time” by John Dare

Handbell Ensemble
Bev Splinter, director

(3:30/5:30)

“Christmastime” by Michael W. Smith & Joanna Carlson, arr. Lloyd Larson

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

(10:00)

“O Holy Night”

Robbyn Givens, accompanied by AJ Sherrill

by Adolphe Charles Adam, words by Cappeau De Roquemaure, translated by John S Dwight, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

***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

*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. Roger Emerson

(3:30)

"There's A New Kid In Town" by Curly Putman, Don Cook & Keth Whitley

Darian & Robbyn Givens

(5:30)

"O Holy Night" Robbyn Givens, accompanied by AJ Sherrill
by Adolphe Charles Adam, words by Cappeau De Roquemaure, translated by John S Dwight, arr. Mark Hayes

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)

"Still, Still, Still" arr: Cathy Moklebust

Handbell Ensemble
Bev Splinter, director

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)*

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

Poinsettias Given to the Glory of God:

by Jim & Peggy Silliman

by Steve & Nancy Kjellsen; Becky & Tony Rients; Alex & Kelsey Kjellsen

Poinsettias Given in Honor of:

Our Family by John & Lorna Stonebarger

Our Children & 16 Grandchildren by Roger & Karla Stimson

Carol Lien by Wendy & Lindsey Lien, Dean & Lori Enstad, Michelle & Nick Payton

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Roslyn Arneson and Dallas Radi by Charles & Marilyn Arneson

Bob, Ardell & Doug Goettsch by Mike & Deb Pederson

Our Parents and Brothers by Dave & Jan Johnson

Don & Dorothy Crouse by Buck Crouse & Family

Gilbert & Florence Wildung and Richard Shimitz by Ron & Sharon Shimitz

Gale Oldre by Laura Oldre & Eric

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

Merrill & Peggy Hurlbert by Lee, Jane, Meg & Ross Hurlbert

Ernie Berg by Doris Berg & Families

Bert Drake by Rick & Pam Berg & Families

Tom Wolf and Brenda Coleman by Lynn & Chuck Langner Family

Wayne Langner by Chuck & Lynn Langner Family

Arden Stave and Allen Andersh by Burt & Barb Andersh

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

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

Glenn Frentz by Barb Frentz

My Parents by Hugh Bartels

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

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

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Samuel John Horstmeyer by Larry & Joyce Horstmeyer

Arvard & Delores Seefeldt by Sandy Sheehan, Jason Sheehan Family & Jenn Hoeltzner Family

Melvin Enstad by Marcella & Family

Our Parents & Grandparents, Clyde Morrison & Mary Kuecker
by Gary & Leigh Kuecker and Morgan & Tate Johnson

Ivey Turbak by Andrew, Abby & Atwood Turbak

Grandpas Mike & JL by the McAreaveys

Our Parents by Judy & Harlan Konrad

My Parents, Albert & Alma Ohlrogge and Siblings, Albert Jr. Norma, Patricia, Delos and Judy
by Linda Schoepp

Connie Johnson by Jeremy, Trish, Kynslee, Grady & Maddox Johnson

Our Parents by Pam & Al Raeder

Our Parents & Sisters by Steve & Nyla Bergan

Alwin / Hanson by Glenn Hanson Family

Kathy Terwilliger by Kerry, Alan, Abigail & Kate Stager

Gordon and Christopher Garnos by Beth Garnos & Family

Grover & Joyce Peterson and Lester & Helen Johnson by Ron & Candace Johnson,
Dave & Christie Ruda & Family, Mike & Melissa Passow & Family, Eric & Patti Johnson

Our Parents and Aunt Hazel by Burdette & Janet Drake

Eugene Lundy and Michael Lundy by Dave & Tammy Neale & Family

Donna Neale by Dave & Tammy Neale & Family

Albert, Blanche and Marwell Konold, Owen & Avis Hicks and Shawn by Claire & Wylla Konold

John Krabseth (Holly's Father) by Kent & Holly Stillson

Dale Ronning by Lana Ronning

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

Our Parents by Doug & Shelly Alvine

Myron Kindopp by the Kindopp Family

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

Harold Schroeder and Rodney Schroeder by Rich, Melanie & Dillon Schroeder

Poinsettias Given in Memory of:

Marlin & Darlene Adolphsen by Arlyn, Darla & Ariel Adolphsen

Kermit Lien and Craig Lien

by Carol and Wendy Lien, Lindsey Lien, Dean & Lori Enstad, Michelle & Nick Payton

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

Our Loved Ones by Bill, LouAnn, Krystle & Kelley

Ellie & Herb Jenson and John Ernst by Gary & Deb Ernst, Jensions & Nancy & Rich Rogers

Mark Geffre by Kathy Geffre

Dalice Dubois by Greg Dubois Family

Carl & Florence Stahl by Randy & Leanne Johnson

Our Grandparents by Eric, Melissa, Griffyn & Kole Muller

Ken Schwinger by Art & Cindy Barse

Our Parents & Grandparents, Deanna Kluckman and Ralph Johnson by Robert, Dawn & Scott Johnson

Joan Orthaus and Ray Moe by Jeff & Paula Orthaus & Family

Donald Gugel by Annette Gugel, Steve, Bev & Amy Splinter

Our Parents, Allen & Dorothy Zeller, Ben & Phyllis Karst and Kimberly Karst

by Ken & Bonnie Karst & Family

Betty Gerber by Rex & Rhonda Gerber

Joe Moeller by Karen Moeller & Family

Constance Dahl, Nancy Dahl Barrick and Jacob Dahl by Josh, Amber & Conner Dahl

Thurman & Vy Engelstad by Carol, Joe, Jill, Paul, Jordan, Madison & Olivia

Duaine & Edna Greenhagen by Ryan & Traci Althoff

Susan Tracy by Traci Althoff

Lily Stroup by Ryan & Traci Althoff

Rob Hoover

Zach Hoover



Those Serving This Christmas Eve

Christmas Worship Team:

(1:30) Keyboard: Marian Riddle; Guitar: Greg Dubois; Bass: Don Armstrong;
Vocals: Julianne Decker, Darian Givens, Robbyn Givens, Mike Johnson and Peg Juba

Organist:

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

Instrumentalists:

(1:30) Handbell Ensemble – Jan Larsen, Pat Crom, Shelly Alvine, Cathy Gerrish
Marian Riddle, Annette Gugel, Beverly Splinter

(3:30/5:30) Brass – Duane Niles, Al Lawrence, Ben Woelber and Bob Jenson

(10:00) Guitar – Shawn Lenning and Flute – Robbyn Givens

Acolytes:

(1:30) Griffyn Muller, Sam Karst

(3:30) Miranda Falconer

(5:30) Miah Carstens, Nick Noeldner

(10:00)

Crossbearer:

(1:30) Ethan Wientjes

(3:30) Kyleigh Hansen

(5:30)

(10:00)

Greeters:

(1:30) Roger Whittle, Darlene Bailey

(3:30) Todd, Amber, Carter, Ky & Colton Hansen, Brian, Jen, Will & Amelia Harms

(5:30) John & Andrew Dahl, Stephanie & Madeline Popowski-Dahl,
Joan Hakeman, Marilyn Linneman

(10:00) Pam Luckhurst, Craig, Jessica, Addison & Avery Kruse

Head Ushers:

(1:30) Allen Rude, Todd VanMeter

(3:30) Darren Likness, Hugh Bartels, Greg Dubois

(5:30) Buck Crouse, Curt Friedrichsen

(10:00) Greg Dubois, Gary Kruse

Ushers:

(1:30) Bob & Dorothy Synstad, Ken & Bonnie Karst, Rod & Shellie Thompson, Ron & Liana Foltz

(3:30) Bret, Gwen, Addy, Haydn & Graysn McGillivary, Rich & Nancy Rogers, Russ & Joan Porath

(5:30) Joan Hakeman, Milt, Chris & Josh Carter, Tim & Chris Chandler

(10:00) Carna Kruse, Larry & Marlys Lenning

Those Serving This Christmas Eve

Lector:

(1:30) (5:30) Jack Holmquest
(3:30) Paul Macek (10:00) Gary Kruse

Communion Assistants:

(1:30) Eric & Melissa Muller, Ken & Bonnie Karst, Josh, Amber & Connor Dahl
(3:30) Bret, Gwen, Addy & Graysn McGillivray, Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Dale Even,
Rich & Nancy Rogers, Holly Stillson
(5:30) Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Mike & Julie Strandell, Christina Strandell Krumwiede,
Jack Holmquest, Milt Carter
(10:00) Michelle & Kasey Lenning

Sound & Projection:

(1:30) Robyn and Darrin VanMeter (5:30) Aaron Sowers
(3:30) Robyn and Darrin VanMeter (10:00) Cathy Zubke, Roger Austad

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, Pastor Gary Westgard, Jodi Spilde, Donna Hamre, Robbyn Givens, Philip Lickei, Twila Schmitt, Angela Terhark, Nikki Landmark, Christy Crook, 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.