

DECEMBER 26, 2021



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

December 26th, 2021

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. ² The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#102 "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

by Unknown, 18th century

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

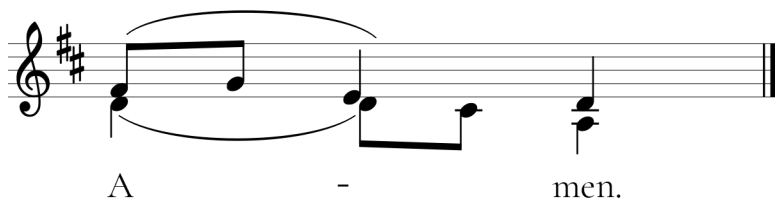
2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

4. To Thee, then, o Jesus, this day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

A - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



c Glo - ry to God, we
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the
 A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

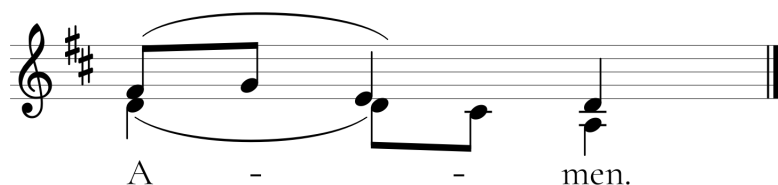


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . O God, our Maker and Redeemer,
You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation
of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our hu-
man nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in
Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE READINGS

Exodus 13:1-15 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²
"Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the
womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast;
it is Mine." ³ And Moses said to the people: "Remember
this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house
of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought
you out of this *place*. No leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴
"On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. ⁵ "And

it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. ⁶ "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *there shall be* a feast to the LORD. ⁷ "Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. ⁸ "And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, '*This is done* because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.' ⁹ "It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰ "You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year. ¹¹ "And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, ¹² "that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD'S. ¹³ "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not

redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ "So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ¹⁵ 'And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

Colossians 3:12-17 ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The second line is 'These words are writ - ten that we may believe that'. The third line is 'Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth line is 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The fifth line is a double bar line, indicating the end of the piece.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#85 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546 (MFH pg 44)

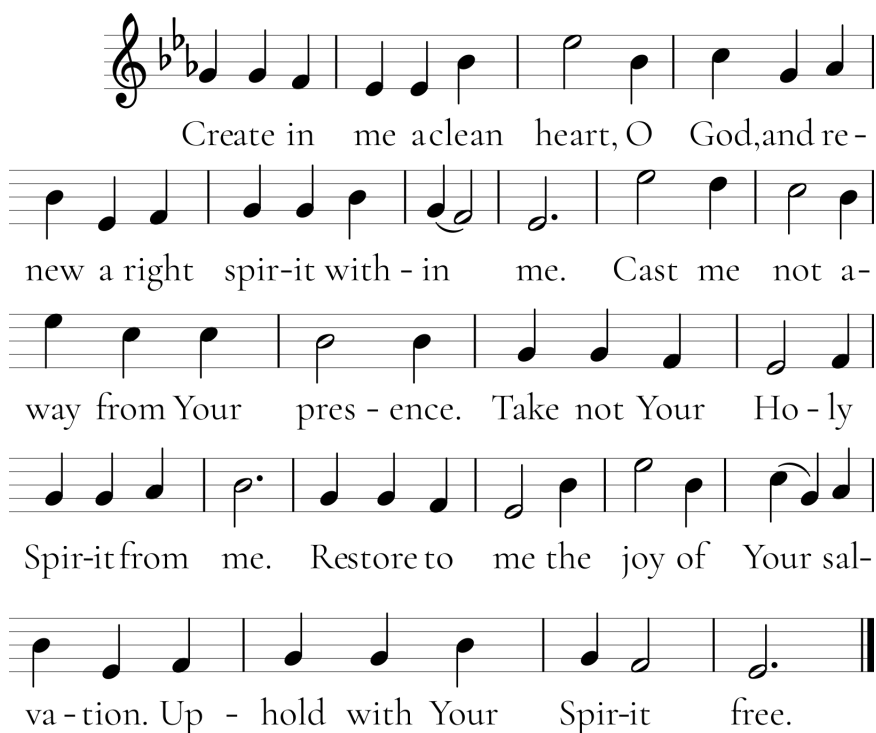
1. "From heaven above to earth I come To bear good news to every home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:
2. "To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little child, of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.
3. "This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.
15. Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given! While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

SERMON

Luke 2:22-40 ²² Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD "), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory

of Your people Israel." ³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷ and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹ So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

THE LAW BRINGS US TO JESUS



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#712 What Child Is This?

Author: W. Chatterton Dix

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 oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through;
The cross He'll bear 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!

OFFERING HYMN #788:1



Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with
o-pen heart and hand Blesses free-ly, as a riv-er
That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of
giving with a spirit large and true That our life and
all our liv-ing We may con-se - crate to You.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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

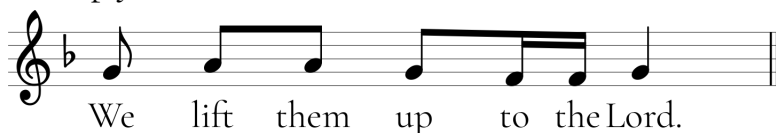
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.

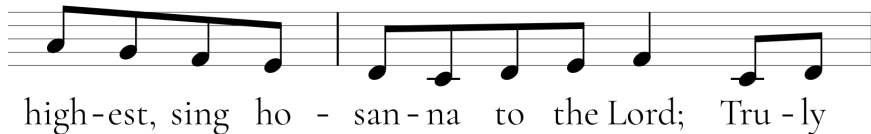
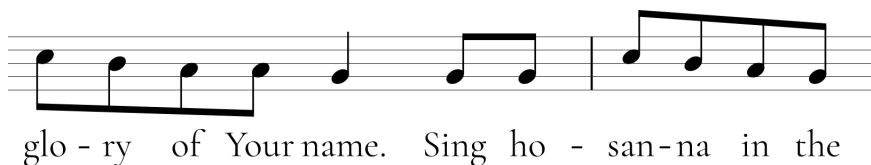
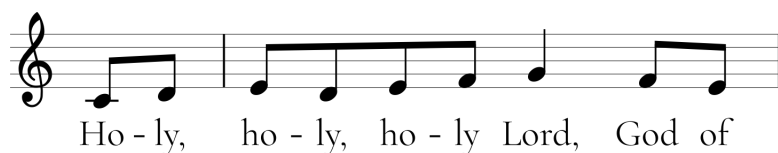


p Lift up your hearts.



p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of

your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of
your love; Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we magnify
Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and
saying:





blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.


In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!


O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.


THE DISTRIBUTION


Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

c  O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

 part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the

 glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-

 Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's

 glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#136 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

by James Montgomery, 1771-1854

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light:
Come and worship: Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4. Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His Temple shall appear:
Come and worship, Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 26

9 am Communion Service

Friday, December 31

7 pm New Year's Eve Service

Sunday, December 26

9 am Worship Service

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 9am

John Bobek, Russ Brown,
Randy StreLOW, Todd Thiem

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Greg Jones, Mike Dumke,
Lynn Dumke, Dennis Jones

COUNTERS

THIS WEEK TEAM # 1

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

NEXT WEEK TEAM # 2

David Dillie, Darren Dillie

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 5287.00

Missions- \$ 200.00

Building Fund- \$ 75.00

Project Kinship - \$ 75.00

School Fund- \$ 50.00

In memory of Lyndon Pamenter-
\$200.00 to General Fund

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service – 101

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31 – 7 pm New Years Eve
Service

January 23 – 2 pm Tubing Outing

SNACKS AFTER CHURCH

There is a sheet on the bulletin
board to sign up to bring snacks
after church.

SNOW TUBING OUTING

A snow tubing outing is planned for Sunday, January 23, 2022 2-4pm at Sunburst ski resort. We will need 15 people to get group rate of \$18 each. You can sign up at <https://shop.skisunburst.com/groups>. Use the group code FLC2022. You can register, sign waiver and pay when you sign up.

CLEANING HELP

If you are able and willing to help clean once in a while, please contact Marsha Brown at 920-398-3279 or 920-570-1076 or email her at : martab@centurytel.net

Thank you

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:4-15
Psalm 119:97-104
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

CALL NEWS

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has been called by Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 - 8, beginning with the 2022 school year.

ILC Professor John Ude has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN



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