

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

The Benediction..... tune of "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

P: The Lord bless and keep you, look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with peace!

C: **Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us,
God's love from harm to hide us, The Spirit's pow'r to guide us evermore!**

The candles are extinguished.

"Joy to the World"

39 Green

**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.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**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.**

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS ~

Candles are available from the ushers. When lighting a candle, please dip unlit candles towards a lit one. Take extra care with children. We also have a limited number of artificial candles for our youngest children.

Joy to the World offering envelopes for end-of-year gifts are available by the offering plates at the entrances.

Thank you to the many people who have given of their time and talents for Faith's Christmas worship services.

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

December 24, 2020



*Glory to God
in the Highest,*

and on Earth Peace
to Men on Whom
His Favor Rests.

Luke 2:14

Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" 45 Green

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

Christmas Litany

P: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
C: born of a woman, born under the law,
P: in order to redeem those who were under the law,
C: so that we might receive adoption as children.
P: And because you are children,
C: God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
P: So you are no longer a slave but a child,
C: and if a child then also an heir, through God. Galatians 4:4-7

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and listen for his word of forgiveness.
C: Almighty God, as we celebrate the birth of your only-begotten Son, we
confess how unworthy we are to receive such gracious love from you.
We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We
cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Yet we dare to ask for
your forgiveness, because of the Child of Bethlehem, whose name is
Jesus because he came to save his people from their sins. By his saving
death and for his sake, forgive us and fill us with your righteousness.
P: In the boundless mercy of Almighty God, Jesus came in human flesh to
take the sin of all people on himself and put it to death on the cross.
Jesus was born in order to forgive you and make you into a new person.
So, come to the manger and leave there all your guilt and shame, for in
the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I tell you, you are forgiven.
C: Amen. Glory to God in the highest!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer.....tune of "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, most holy be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth—in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You in grateful love we bow;
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung by angel hosts and men
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore! Amen.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns69, 44 & 56 Green

The Thanksgiving..... tune of "From Heaven Above"

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure and steadfast love fore'er
endure! Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and we have tasted
of His word.

As His own servants we depart with His salvation in our heart. His saving
power He has made known; His love through all the earth is shown.

Lord, let us show the world Your light; Let us declare Your glory bright,
proclaim Your death until You come to take Your ransomed servants
home.

Glory to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure and steadfast love fore'er endure!

*** Candles are lit before the singing of "Silent Night"*

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" 65 Green

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 thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

