

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

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

Bells are available from the ushers for children to play during the hymns marked with a



Candles are also 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.

Thank you to Lukas and Lara Liepold for providing music for this service.

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

Nursery - An unstaffed nursery is located on the main floor next to the Faith Center. If you need help, the ushers will be happy to give you directions or show you the way.



Prelude "Little Drummer Boy" Lukas and Lara Liepold

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (stanzas 1, 2 & 3) 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*

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!

Christmas Prayer

O Lord, heavenly Father, you sent your angels to urge poor shepherds of the field not to fear, but to rejoice that Christ the Savior was born. By that great good news, drive away all fear from our hearts. Stir up in us true and lasting joy, so that, in all our joys and sorrows, triumphs and failures, we may trust in your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who took on human flesh in order deliver us from evil and save us forever. Amen.

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.

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 wise men and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

The candles are extinguished.

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" (stanzas 1, 3 & 4) 39 Green

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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.



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.

Message“Christmas Contradictions” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “From Heaven Above” (sts.. 1-4, 12-13) 51 Green

From heav’n above to earth I come. To bring good news to everyone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring. To all the world, and gladly sing:

To you this night is born a child, of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth, shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, God’s Son most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be and from all sin will set you free.

The blessing which the Father planned, the Son holds in his infant hand,
That in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us, his glory share.

O dearest Jesus, holy child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A holy shrine, within my heart, that you and I need never part.

My heart for very joy now leaps; My voice no longer silence keeps;
I too must join the angel-throng, to sing with joy his cradle-song.

Offering/Special Music “All Is Well” Lara Liepold

Prayer:

O Lord, our gracious God, we give you thanks that, in your divine mercy and compassion, you sent your Son to become incarnate in order to rescue us from sin and condemnation by his death and resurrection. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and all your people to strengthen us in faith, that we may cling to you in the face of temptation, suffering and any evil. Hold us steadfast in your grace that, at the last, we may receive eternal salvation and live with you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

***Candles are lit before the singing of “Silent Night”*

Hymn “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.

Children’s Story Time with Laura Weikle

Hymn “Away in a Manger” 67 Green

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord
Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the sky looked
down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle ‘til 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.

Children’s Message Faith Lutheran Puppets

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them. After Faith Seeds, children ages 3 years old – 1st grade may join Sprouts leaders for an age appropriate lesson during the sermon. They will return to their parents shortly after the sermon ends.

Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” 60 Green

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!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the Newborn King!”



Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
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.
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Scripture ReadingsMicah 2-5 and Hebrews 1:1-6

Christmas Gospel Luke 2:1-20