

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 LBW

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.

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~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.

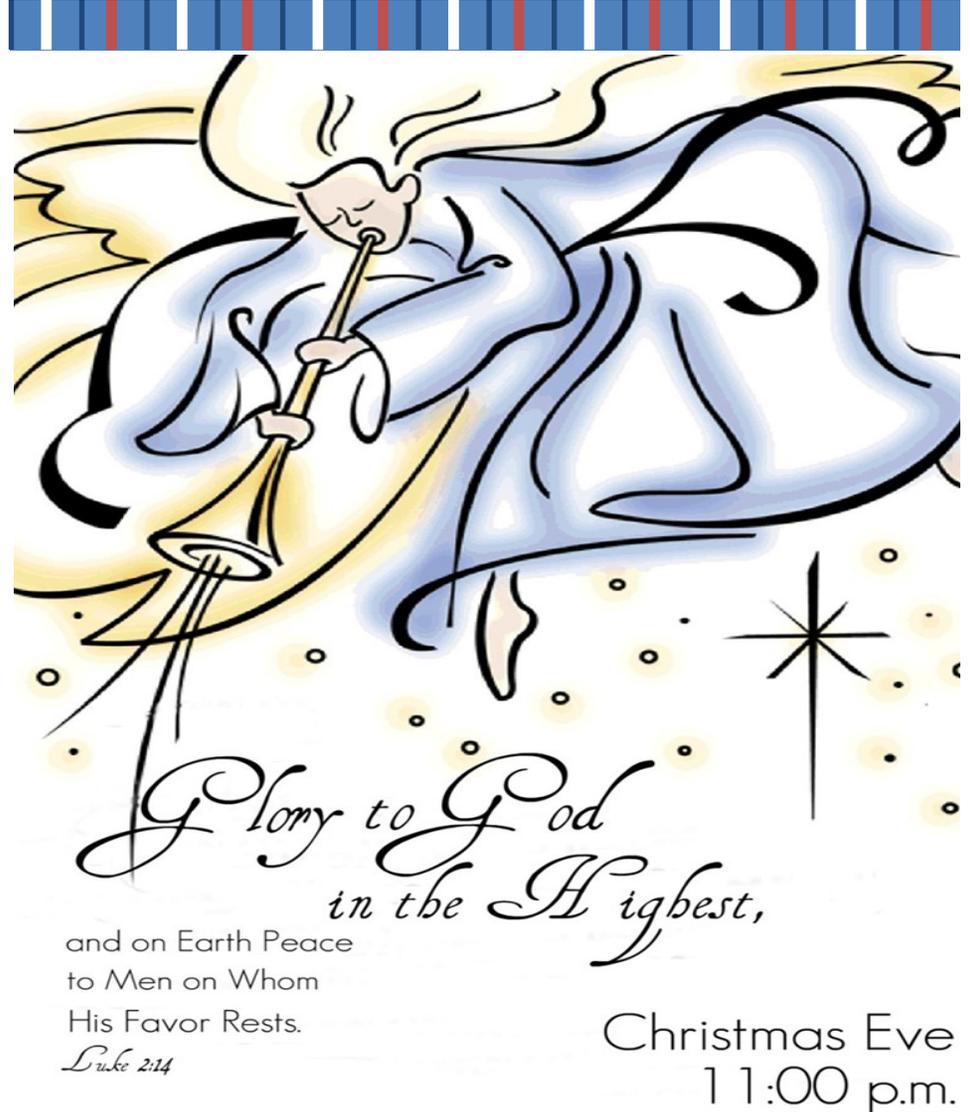
Joy to the World offering envelopes for end-of-year gifts
are available in the pew pads.

Thank you to Sharon Barton, and Austin Willhite for providing music and the
many people who have given of their time and talents for Faith's Christmas
worship services.

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

December 24, 2021



Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” 50 LBW

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story; Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.**

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Refrain**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. Refrain**

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Refrain**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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!

**In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to You!**

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 Hymns 69 (stanzas 1-4) , 56 & 52 LBW

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 LBW

**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.**

**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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"**

Christmas Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Message "This Thing that Has Taken Place" Pastor Scott Grorud

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing" (stanzas 1, 2 & 4) 58 LBW

**Lo, how a rose is growing, a bloom of finest grace;
The prophets had foretold it: A branch of Jesse's race would bear
one perfect flow'r, here in the cold of winter and darkest midnight hour.
The rose of which I'm singing, Isaiah had foretold. He came to us through
Mary who sheltered him from cold. Through God's eternal will this child
to us was give at midnight calm and still.**

**This flow'r, so small and tender, with fragrance fills the air; His brightness
ends the darkness that kept the earth in fear. Thru God and yet true man,
he came to save his people from earth's dark night of sin.**

Offering/Special Music "Clair de Lune / It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Sharon Barton

The Preface tune of "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, His servant.

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render:
With joy we come before Him, In gratefulness implore Him,
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord,
God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the
day of Your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and
You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait
for the last day, when He will come again in glory as Judge and King. And
so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name
and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh**

"What Child is This?" 40 LBW

**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!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross he borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**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!**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (stanzas 1, 3 & 4) 41 LBW

**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.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**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!**

First Lesson Isaiah 57:7-10, 13-15

Special Music "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
Sharon Barton and Austin Willhite

Second Lesson Titus 3:4-8a

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (stanzas 1 & 3) 60 LBW

**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!"**