

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve 11 p.m.

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

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.

Thank you to Milt Lueneburg and his family for the altar flowers given in memory of his wife Darlaine, whose 90th birthday would have been tomorrow.

Thank you to the many people who have given of their time and talents for Faith's Christmas worship services, especially Emma Wollan, Luke Wollan, and Austin Willhite for providing music for this service.



Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

LBW #45

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.

"Joy to the World"

LBW #39

**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!

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**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!" LBW #65

**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.**

Christmas Prayer

**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.

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!**

"What Child is This?" LBW #40

**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) LBW #41

**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 9:2-7

Special Music "Christmas Hallelujah" Emma Wollan, Luke Wollan and
Austin Willhite

Second Lesson..... I John 4:7-16

Gospel Acclamation "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"(sts 1 & 3) LBW #60

**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!"**

**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

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Christmas Message "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Pastor Dave Wollan

"Angels We Have Heard on High" LBW #71

**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.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?**

Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

Refrain

Offering/Special Music "Sing We Now of Christmas" ... Austin Willhite

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
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 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.**