

Christmas Day 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 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!**

Song "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" LBW #55

Thank you to Ronda Eckhart for providing music for this service, as well as the many people who have given of their time and talents for Faith's Christmas Day worship service.

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

The contribution deadline for 2023 giving is Sunday, December 31 by 12:00 noon.

If you ordered a poinsettia you may choose one to take home after worship today.

Merry
Christmas!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hutchinson, Minnesota

Christmas Day Worship Service ~ 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 25, 2023



Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LBW #60

Christmas Dialogue

P: A Child has been born for us

C: A Son given to us

P: Authority rests upon his shoulders

**C: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: But you shall name him Jesus.

C: For he came to save his people from their sins.

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 for 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!

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!**

The 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 LBW #40, 54, and 59

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!**

the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response "What Child Is This" (vs. 3) LBW #40

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthroned him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Text: William CL. Dix, 1837-1898 Tune: English ballad, 16th cent.

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:

Prayer of the Day

O Son of God, from the beginning you were with the Father, and for us and for our salvation you came down from heaven. Grant us more and more to receive the fullness of your grace and work in us the power to become the children of God, for you are the true light of all people, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12

Faith Seeds

Kristen Durst

Gospel Acclamation

LBW #43

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn, a Savior unto us is born, the Christ, the Lord of glory! His lowly birth at Bethlehem the angels from on high proclaim and sing redemption's story! My soul, extol, God's great favor; bless him ever for salvation; Give him praise and adoration!

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-18

Sermon

"Undercover Boss"

Pastor Dave Wollan

Song

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

LBW #42

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with