

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

Friday, December 24, 2021 4:00 pm


Family Christmas Eve Worship

GATHERING/WELCOME

PRELUDE: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* Carol




ENTRANCE HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. All Stand & Sing



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to the God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num,
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

C Amen

Assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

*Children are invited forward for the reading of the Gospel and a children's message.
Children up to age 8 are then invited to follow Beka for children's church.*

Away In A Manger All invited to sing as children come forward.

The musical score for 'Away In A Manger' is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices. The lyrics are: 'I A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.'

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 (read from the children's Whirl Bible)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

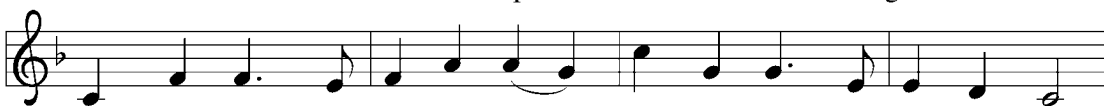
CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Micah

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Micah

HYMN: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing.* All Stand & Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER (*The congregation is invited to kneel and join in the sung responses*)

Refrain
All



Verses

Assisting Minister *All* *Assisting Minister*



All *Assisting Minister*



All *To Refrain*



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PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.


C And also with you.

Remain standing for the offertory anthem


OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Go Tell It On the Mountain*. All Stand & Sing


Refrain




Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night.



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious God,

C your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider *All*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *All*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister gives God thanks and invites the assembly to join heaven's hymn of Praise: ...” We Praise your name and join their unending hymn”

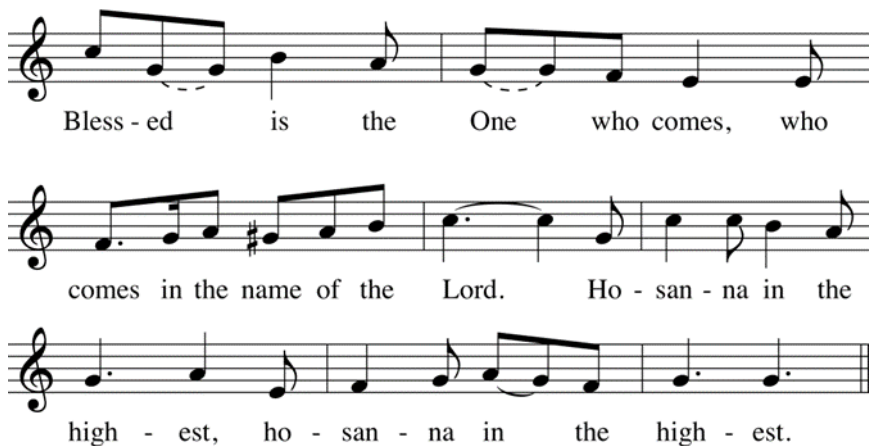
SANCTUS

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.
C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All people are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Christ's real presence and grace. You will be invited forward by row, receive the elements from the communion assistant, and then return to your seat. There you may briefly remove your mask to eat and drink the bread and wine, then put your mask on. The cups may be placed in the small bin in your pew by the aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

All
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
1., 2.
world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
3.
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Christmas Medley HCLC Pipe Organ*

P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.



CANDLELIGHTING

The pastor will light his candle from the large Christ Candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. With the assistance of the acolyte, the light will be passed throughout the congregation. Please use the extinguishers in each pew to put out the candle, and do not remove your mask to blow it out.

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL: *Silent Night* **All Sing**
(Raise your candle at “*Christ, the Savior is born*” and “*Jesus, Lord at your birth.*”)

1. 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.

2. 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!



3. 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.



THE BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



(Please extinguish your candles)

SENDING CAROL: *Joy to the World* All Stand & Sing

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
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 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

THE SENDING

P Glory to God in the highest!

C **Peace to God's people on earth!**

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* All Sing

**We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Repeat Refrain

** A Special thank you to our lector Ashley Hyman

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**A Special *Thank You* to Everyone who made this a
Wonderful Advent & Christmas Season!**



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

GLORY TO GOD:

Greg Byrum

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Mary) Byrum

Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline

Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby

Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller

John & Leslie Crist in Honor of Wyatt & Brooklyn Suttentfield. & Max & Olive McCotter,
Patrick & Jacob Crist

The Kearney Family in honor of the saints of Holy Comforter, past and present (2 poinsettias)

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye H. Bean

Jim, Alex & Garrett Buell in memory of Carmen Buell

Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum

Shirley Causby in memory of Tommy Causby

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Dr and Mrs William Kannapel

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Susan K. Misner

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Paul Outlaw

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Myra & John Yount

Susan & Don Nelson in memory of Charles Grafton

Allie Flusche in memory of Adrielle Goodwin

Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Helena Noel

Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Richard “ Dick” Halverson

John & Leslie Crist in Memory of Ray and Rita Broome, Bill & Rosa Crist

Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of Shirley Sharpe Robertson

Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of James Allen Reese

Rianna Nance In Memory of Theron Nance

Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice and Mark Lyerly

Debbie Williams in memory of loved ones

Shelia Kelly in memory of parents & grandparents

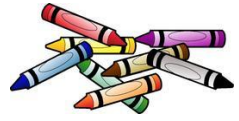
Diana Kooser in memory of loved ones

Sue Lahr in memory of Stan Lahr

This is the list that the church office received. We apologize if there were any names omitted.



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