

LESSONS AND CAROLS Time For Joy December 17, 2023 9:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love, Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.



Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.

Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: We gather today.
- C: It is time to worship!
- P: We listen for God
- C: It is time to hear!
- P: We receive God's grace.
- C: It is time to be loved!
- P: We leave in peace.
- C: It is time to serve others!
- P: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Violin Duet; Lindsay Banman and Jackie Wajerski J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: With God, there is always time for forgiveness. We trust God as we confess our sins together (Brief pause)
- P: Holy One,
- C: We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts. Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done.
- P: People of God, God's judgment is certain and God's forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders.
- C: Amen.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb. ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Candle Liturgy

Lighting of the Third Candle

Hymn

"He Came Down"

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he lelujah for ever more.

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#283. verses 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-6

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

REFLECTION Pastor Monte

CHOIR ANTHEM "Listen to the Wind" Larry Theiss

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11: 1-3

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Hodie Christus Natus Est (Today Christ is born)" Jay Althouse

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257, verses 1,2 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5: 2-5

Luke 1: 26-38

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Come to the Manger" English Carol, arr. Patrick Liebergen Flute and Choir

HYMN "Away in a Manger" #277, verses 1,2 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Great and Glorious Light"

Gregory Berg

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁶And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sing Pat-a Pan" French Carol, arr. Patrick Liebergen

Flute and Choir

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257, verses 4 & 5

OFFERING Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Adeste Fidelis" arr. Grant & Donegan

"Bring a Torch Jeannette Isabella"
Violin Duet

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy, C: hear our prayer

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "What Child is this" #296, verses 1,2 & 3

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" J.S. Bach

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Jan Szczepanski** in honor of her nephew, Tristan Brodie's birthday.

ETERNAL FLAME for the month of December is given by **Pat Erdmann** in loving memory of her husband, Roger Erdmann.

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Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18 9:00 am Quilters

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 – 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 20 1:00 pm Worship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21 6:30 pm Pajama Vespers

Friday, December 22 Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 24 9:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent Worship

10:00 am Fellowship

4:00 pm Interactive Family Worship 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

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TODAY:

 ANXIETY CLASS Continues in Upper Fellowship Hall. Join us even if you haven't come before.

NURSERY

The nursery is now open for children ages 0-3! Adeline *(Addie)* Klockenkemper is eager to care for your little ones as you worship. Rest assured; babies are still welcome in the sanctuary; this just provides another option.

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th
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4:00 pm
Interactive Family Worship
10:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve
10:00 am
This interactive Family Worship
10:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Day



Voices of St. Luke's:

Basses: Todd Beutin, Todd Sneed, Dan Hutchison, James Carlsen, Lukas Stelzle,

Mark Peterson

Tenors: Carol VanRyzin, Rob Kegel, Tim Brunner, Dennis Miller, Matt Peterson

Altos: Janet Wunrow, Jan Miller, Karen Kegel, Julie Ohlert, Heather May,

Jan Szczepanski

Sopranos: Becky Brunner, Liz Wiken, Beth Koehler, Suzanne Miller, Jeanne Riopell,

Sandra Schindler – Hutchison, Jackie Wajerski

Accompanist: Andrea Clark

Violin Duet: Lindsay Banman, Jackie Wajerski

Narrators: Duane Freitag, Mark Ohlert, Greg Wajerski, Judi Hensley, Derek Dordel

Flute: Chloe Hyatt