



**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
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

Pastor Monte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Written By Cheryl Lawrie

P: We are here because we have heard a promise of peace

C: and we have faith its day will come

P: we have heard a rumor of justice

C: and we have faith its day will come

P: we have heard a whisper of hope

C: and we have faith its day will come

P: we have heard a hint of love

C: and we have faith its day will come

P: we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child

C: and we have faith his day is here.

P: Welcome to Christmas; welcome to worship.

PRELUDE	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>	<i>David Cherwein</i>
OPENING SONG	<i>“Once in Royal David’s City”</i>	<i>#269 all verses</i>
FIRST READING		<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>
READING	<i>“No Donkey?!” Dialogue</i>	<i>Bob Hartman</i>
SONG	<i>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</i>	<i>#272 vs. 1 & 2</i>
SECOND READING		<i>Luke 2:8-14</i>
POEM	<i>“Safely Delivered”</i>	<i>Jeremy Williams</i>
SONG	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	<i>#279 verses 1 & 2</i>
THIRD READING		<i>Luke 2:15-20</i>
POEM	<i>“Earthed”</i>	<i>Jeremy Williams</i>
SONG	<i>“Angels We Have Heard On High”</i>	<i>#289 Verses 1 & 3</i>
OFFERING	<i>Please fill out the Pew Pads as they are passed by the worshipers at the far end of each pew. As you pass the pad back, please note those seated around you and greet them after the service.</i>	

OFFERTORY SONG

“One Small Child”

David Meece

Solo: Dan Hutchison

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and the words, “Peace be with you.”

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION - Continuous

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.
All are Welcome!*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“What Child is This”

#296 all verses

“Infant Holy”

#276 all verses

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

P: God our redeemer,

**C: you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*P: May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth,
bring joy to your hearts this day and always.*

C: Amen

*P: May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you,
fill your life with love and peace.*

C: Amen

*P: May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your
celebrations, until he brings you into his eternal kingdom.*

C: Amen

*P: And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.*

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

#290 all verses

DISMISSAL

"The Work of Christmas"

Poem by Howard Thurman

*P: When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,*

**C: when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,**

P: the work of Christmas begins:

**C: to find the lost,
to heal the broken,**

*P: to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,*

**C: to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,**

All: to make music in the heart. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

"From Heaven High to Earth I Come"

Pachelbel

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joyous Christmas.

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