

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson**“Breath Of Heaven” sung by Michelle Matthees***Sermon:** *Pastor Eric Hanson***Hymn of the Day & Offering:** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>.

**Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.**

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of the Christ Child be with you always **C: And also with you.**

*Ushers may bring offering forward.***The Great Thanksgiving:**L: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.****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.

The Meal & Hymn: *“What Child is This”*

**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 be 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!**

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The congregation is invited to light their glow sticks.**The light in the sanctuary symbolizes Christ, the light of the world of whom John’s gospel speaks.***The Prayers:** (call and response) *read by Ginny Budensiek*

P: There was a man sent from God who came as a witness to the Light.

C: He himself was not the light, but he came to witness to the Light.

P: The true Light that gives light to all people was coming into the world.

C: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

P: Jesus, bring light to the dark, empty, and lonely places of our world.

C: Jesus, bring light to the dark, empty, and lonely places in us.

P: Jesus, bright light to journeys of which we cannot see the end.

C: Jesus, light our paths that we may follow you.

P: Jesus, bring justice where there is oppression, healing where there is sickness, and redemption where there is sin. Tonight we especially pray for Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Rollie Quade, and Chase Hanson..

C: Jesus, have mercy on us and bring your light to darkened places. Amen.

Hymn: *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

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 thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing: *The Pastor blesses the congregation.*

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Departure Hymn: *"Joy to the World"*

Vs. 1: Joy to the world the Lord has come! Let earth receive its 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.

Vs. 2: 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.

Vs. 3: 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.

Vs. 4: 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.

Sending: P: Go in peace, shine your light!

C: Thanks be to God.



St. Luke Lutheran Church • 7:30PM • December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Zion Worship • Pastor Eric Hanson

Prelude: *"O Holy Night" sung by Laura Stephanie*

Opening & Hymn: *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

P: On this holy night, we come to behold the Child, born of Mary.

C: We come to see the Savior, who is the Son of God.

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:

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

P: On this holy night, Mary and Joseph welcomed the Christ Child.

C: We come to welcome the One who was born to show us God's love.

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

P: On this holy night, the shepherds and angels witnessed the wonder.

C: We come to witness the blessings from above now revealed in Jesus.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Confession and Absolution:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Amen, thanks be to God.

P: God-with-us,

C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in love. C: Amen.

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