

December 24, 2021— 4 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *Aldorfer Brass*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDELIGHTING LITANY:

- P. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and rejoice in His coming to us,
we light the Christ Candle.
- C. Jesus Christ is our Hope.
Jesus Christ is our Peace.
Jesus Christ is our Joy.
Jesus Christ is love—pure, holy, undying love.**
- P. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son;
that everyone who believes in Him
may not perish but have eternal life.
- C. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**

OPENING HYMN: O Come All Ye Faithful PUBLIC DOMAIN vs. 1 & 2 ELW# 283

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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

GREETING

- P: Come, let us worship our God,
C: **whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

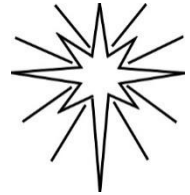
PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

God of light, God of stars and angels, God of weary travelers and stables, God of hard labor and new birth, we come today to worship you. Open our eyes to your glory, open our ears to your wisdom, open our hearts to your love, as we come to worship Jesus, the newborn king. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 9:2-7

- 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.
- ³ You 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.
- ⁴ For 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.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For 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.
- ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. **WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.**



THE HOLY GOSPEL According to LUKE 2:1-14

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Congregation reads bold print.

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.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN: *Away In a Manger* PUBLIC DOMAIN vss. 1,2 **ELW #277**

- 1 **Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- 2 **The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

C. To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Intern Pastor Al Aakre

MUSIC *Kari Aakre, Flute*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SHARING OF PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

- L. God with us: You came as a baby in a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine.
- C. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER – INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS:

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve vss 1-5 **ELW #271**

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- 1 **I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus’ birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.**
- 2 **The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav’n above to help a world in need.**
- 3 **He dwells again in heaven’s realm, the Son of God today;
and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.**
- 4 **I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing;
he opens now for ev’ry child the palace of the king.**
- 5 **And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev’ry day, I know so well is true.**

What Child Is This vss. 1-3 **ELW #296**

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **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!**
- 2 **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!**
- 3 **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 BLESSING

CANDLELIGHTING:

Unlit Candles/Tip



Lit Candles/Upright



★ No candles for infants/ toddlers/ young children

We Sing - -

HYMN: *Silent Night*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

VSS. 1-3

ELW #281

- 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.**
- 2 **Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'ly hosts sing, alleluia!
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.**

Brief Silence

★ *Carefully extinguish candles — Hold upright until wax is hard*

BLESSING:

P. God most high, God with us, God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C. Amen.

HYMN: *Joy to the World*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

VS. 1

ELW #267

Introduction by Aldorfer Brass

- 1 **Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**



RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL:

L. Glory to God in the highest!
C. Peace to God's people on earth!
L. Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Aldorfer Brass

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Julie L. Rogness **PREACHER:** Intern Pastor Al Aakre

MUSIC: Tammy Hanson, Organ, **ALDORFER BRASS:** Mike, Ross & Seth Aldorfer; **Flute:** Kari Aakre

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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sat 12-25-21	Christmas Day Service: OnLine / Pre-Recorded
Sun 12-26-21	9 am Worship: In-Person & Live-Streamed NO Sunday School
Wed 12-29-21	6 pm Wed Worship (new addition to calendar) NO Confirmation
Sun 1-2-22	9 am Worship: In-Person & Live-Streamed NO Sunday School

**Beginning Dec 26, your Christmas Plants may go home for your enjoyment.
Thank you for sharing them.**

JOY *to the*
world
the **LORD**
has come

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

HOPE-PEACE-LOVE-JOY

from First Lutheran Staff & Council

CHRISTMAS PLANTS 2021

- ¹ In Memory of Arvella & Joseph Braaten. Given by the Braaten Family.
- ² In Memory of Richard & Hazel Brandvold. Given by the Harris & Heidi Haugen Family.
- ³ In Memory of Beverly Peterson. Given by the Frank Peterson Family.
- ⁴ In Memory of Rev. Richard & Evelyn Hansen, Sandra Fogelson & Craig Fogelson. Given by Jay & Sue Fogelson.
- ⁵ In Memory of Gordon Homeier & Terry Homeier. Given by Sharon Homeier & Family.
- ⁶ In Memory of Candy Braaten. Given by Carm & Brad Nesseth.
- ⁷ In Memory of Edward Matul. Given by Barb, Eddie, Stephanie, Ellie & Derik.
- ⁸ In Memory of Arnold & Florence Carlson, and Wally Hildebrandt. Given by Kevin, Renee, Sarah & Natalie Hildebrandt.
- ⁹ In Memory of Jarred Hope, Bill & Carolyn Janousek, and Jim & Kay Hope. Given by Mike & Debbie Hope.
- ¹⁰ In Memory of Pastor Burnis Rogness, Maria Rogness, and Ken & Margaret Thompson. Given by Dan & Julie Rogness.
- ¹¹ In Memory of Gordy & Lou Ann Anderson and Howard Held. Given by Jon, Mary, Jana, Ethan & Ruby.
- ¹² In Honor of Ilene Bergh; And In Memory of Harvey Bergh, and Harold & Marie Mortensen. Given by John & Jackie Mortensen.
- ¹³ In Memory of Beth Estrem Cashman and Earl Majerus. Given by Troy & Joy Estrem.
- ¹⁴ In Memory of Henry & Lily Robinson, Ed & Judy Robinson, Jerry & Jeanie Thorpe, Paul Robinson, and Ernie & Irene Spidahl. Given by Wayne & Marie Spidahl & families.
- ¹⁵ In Memory of Roy & Pearl Trapp, and Karen Androli. Given by the Androli Family.
- ¹⁶ In Honor of The Monroe & Rehnke Children. Given by Dennis & Cora Lee Monroe.
- ¹⁷ In Memory of Lois Kolsrud & Themla Reetz. Given by Dave Kolsrud.
- ¹⁸ In Memory of Dave Redfield & Teresa Redfield-Pittman. Given by Betty & Brian Redfield & Alyssa Amiot.
- ¹⁹ In Memory of Leroy & Lydia Miller and John & Ella Cordes. Given by the Cordes Family.
- ²⁰ In Memory of John Herrlich. Given by the Don & Candy Herrlich Family.
- ²¹ In Memory of Joy Herrlich. Given by the Don & Candy Herrlich Family.
- ²² In Memory of Lynn Fromm. Given by Ed & Tammy Fletcher & family.
- ²³ In Memory of Jeffrey Evan. Given by Ed & Tammy Fletcher & family.
- ²⁴ In Honor of Ellie, Joey, Monroe, and River. Given by Grandpa Ed & Grandma Tammy.
- ²⁵ In Memory of Bev & Ingram Nesseth. Given by Mary, Darin, Bret and Brad Zimmerman.
- ²⁶ In Memory of Harland Foss, Jim Foss & Linda Kinney. Given by their Family.
- ²⁷ In Memory of Jay Howard Held. Given by Mardell, Susan & Steve, Julie, Jon & Mary & Families.
- ²⁸ In Memory of Dr. Jim Hiner and Dr. Ross Hiner. Given by the Hiner Family.
- ²⁹ In Memory of Lyle & Geneva Canton. Given by the Canton Family.
- ³⁰ In Memory of Ben Danielson, Don & Mabel Gates, and Ralph & Mathilda Mork; Given by Mary Danielson-Gates.
- ^{31/32} In Memory of our Parents. Given by Brian & Judy Kuckler.
- ³³ In Honor of Dean & Nancy Schutte & Adaline Mallery. Given by Kevin & Christ Mallery Family.
- ³⁴ In Memory of Bernie Mallery. Given by Kevin & Christ Mallery Family.
- ³⁵ In Honor of Oliver, Harvey, Aurette, John, Jackie & Ilene. Given by Aaron & Anna Bauer.
- ³⁶ In Memory of Harvey Berg. Given by the Bauer Family.



**Our Grateful Thanks to all who have provided assistance with services
& events in this holiday season, and helped decorate our sanctuary**

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Worship Bulletin

CHRISTMAS EVE



TO US IS BORN
A SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD