

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022– 4 PM

We Tell This Story



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *Aldorfer Brass*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDELIGHTING LITANY:

P: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked to fill in the blank for the statement: “*My story is...*” From the voices of different generations, hear their answers. . .

All Candles are Lit

OPENING HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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 . . .***
- 3 **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God_in_the_highest: *Refrain . . .***
- 4 **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee_be_glo - ry giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain . . .***

GREETING

P: Come, let us worship our God,

All: **whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

- 1 **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
- 2 **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be? Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
- 3 **Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Holy God,

All: **We are gathered together to warm ourselves by your light, because we need this Christmas story – this story of ordinary people who were brave – this story of love that changed the world – this story of angel choruses that give reason to hope, and starlight that reminds us to look up. We need the truth that lies deep in these holy words. So today we pray: scoop out the space in us to truly listen. Quiet our minds. Open our hearts. Kindle the fire. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

THE HOLY GOSPEL According to LUKE 2:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation reads bold print.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

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

Joseph 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. He 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.

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

HYMN: *Away In a Manger*

- 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.**

**3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then 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.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This 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.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness *We Tell This Story*

HYMN: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* **ELW 276** *-extra verse 'Generations'*

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!**
- 3 Generation to generation, we have shared the Christmas story
Of a baby in a manger, who was born in Bethlehem.
Hope is winging, Peace now ringing, Joy we're singing, Love he's bringing.
There is room for ev'ry story. There is hope through God's great glory.**

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 – INVITATION TO COMMUNION – LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS:

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

ELW 271

- 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

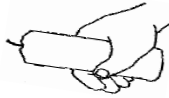
ELW 296

- 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

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

CANDLELIGHTING: **Tip Candle to light**



Then Hold Upright



★ *No candles to infants/ toddlers/ young children*

We Sing - -

HYMN: *Silent Night*

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. 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! 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.**

Brief Silence ★ *Carefully extinguish candles* ★ *Hold upright until wax is hard*

BENEDICTION

P: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Joy to the World*

ELW 267 1 vs.

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

SENDING

L: The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."

All: **May it be so. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Aldorfer Brass*

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie L. Rogness INTERN—Kris Kincaid WORSHIP ASSISTANT—Carmen Nesseth
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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun/12-25	9 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP—In-Person & Live-Streamed - <i>NO Sunday School</i>
Sun/12-25	7 PM	AA
Wed/12-28	----	<i>NO Wed Worship - NO Confirmation</i>
Thu/12-29	7 PM	AA
Sun/1-1	9 AM	NEW YRS DAY WORSHIP—In-Person & Live-Streamed - <i>NO Sunday School</i>
Sun/1-1	7 PM	AA
Sat/1-7	9 to 10:45 AM	<i>Feed My Starving Children</i> - Open to anyone (youth & adults) ages 12 & over. If under 12, need an adult chaperone. Must be over the age of 5. Location: 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136, Eagan, MN 55121. Follow this link to register: http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=DBZ1NG Or contact smhildebrandt7@gmail.com . Let us know if you need a ride.



May you know the
warmth of God's Love
during this Holy Season
and the year to come

*First Lutheran Staff
& Council*

CHRISTMAS PLANTS 2022

** Christmas Plants may go home for your enjoyment beginning 12-26 Thank you for sharing them **

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- ¹IN MEMORY OF Stephen W. Berge, beloved husband, father & grandfather GIVEN BY Donna Berge, Michael, Kari & Boys, Victoria, Aaron & boys.
 - ²IN MEMORY OF Joseph & Arvella Braaten GIVEN BY the Braaten Family.
 - ³IN MEMORY OF Jeffrey Evans, Allan Angelstad, Tom Finseth GIVEN BY Tammy & Ed Fletcher Family.
 - ⁴IN HONOR OF Ellie, Joey, Monroe & River GIVEN BY Grandma Tammy & Grandpa Ed.
 - ⁵IN MEMORY OF Raymond W. Berge, son of Donna Berge, beloved brother and uncle GIVEN BY Donna Berge, Michael, Kari & Boys, Victoria, Aaron & Boys.
 - ⁶IN MEMORY OF Howard Held & IN HONOR OF Mardell Held GIVEN BY Susan & Steve Goldammer, Julie Dyrdaahl, Jon & Mary Held & families.
 - ⁷IN HONOR OF Joy Estrem GIVEN BY Troy Estrem.
 - ⁸IN MEMORY OF John Otto Herrlich and Joy Candace Herrlich GIVEN BY Don & Candy Herrlich & Family.
 - ⁹IN MEMORY OF Connie Albright, Jim Albright, Candy Braaten, Bev & Ingram Nesseth GIVEN BY Carm & Brad Nesseth.
 - ¹⁰IN MEMORY OF Karen Androli GIVEN BY Androli Family.
 - ¹¹IN MEMORY OF Roy & Pearl Trapp GIVEN BY Androli Family.
 - ¹²IN MEMORY OF Arnold & Florence Carlson, Wally Hildebrandt GIVEN BY Kevin, Renee, Sarah & Natalie Hildebrandt.
 - ¹³IN MEMORY OF Harland & Jim Foss & Linda Kinney GIVEN BY their family.
 - ¹⁴IN HONOR OF Ed & Avis Hagen GIVEN BY Dan & Julie Rogness.
 - ¹⁵IN MEMORY OF Rev. Burnis Rogness, Marcia Rogness & Margaret Rogness Thompson GIVEN BY Dan & Julie Rogness.
 - ¹⁶IN MEMORY OF Lyle & Geneva Canton GIVEN BY the Canton family.
 - ¹⁷IN MEMORY OF Jared Hope, Bill & Carolyn Janousek, Jim & Kay Hope, Brad Hope GIVEN BY Mike & Debbie Hope & family.
 - ¹⁸IN MEMORY OF Edward Matul GIVEN BY Barb, Eddie, Stephanie, Derik & Ellie.
 - ¹⁹IN MEMORY OF Elizabeth Groth GIVEN BY Lew, Barb, Eddie, Stephanie, Derik & Ellie.
 - ²⁰IN MEMORY OF Richard & Hazel Brandvold and Olaf Haugen GIVEN BY Harris & Heidi Haugen Family.
 - ²¹IN MEMORY OF Beverly Peterson GIVEN BY Franklin Peterson family.
 - ²²IN MEMORY OF Lois Kolsrud GIVEN BY Dave Kolsrud.
 - ²³IN MEMORY OF Gordon & Terry Homeier GIVEN BY Sharon and family.
 - ²⁴IN MEMORY OF Brandon Walls GIVEN BY Bradi, Ben, Ellie, & Joey Nesseth.
 - ²⁵ IN HONOR OF Oliver, Harvey, Aurette, Stellan and Maisie and Grandma Ilene; and IN MEMORY OF Harvey, Harold and Marie GIVEN BY John & Jackie Mortensen.
 - ²⁶IN MEMORY OF Gordy & Lou Ann Anderson GIVEN BY Mary & Jon Held & family.
 - ²⁷IN HONOR OF the ministry & congregation of this church: Blessings for the love and support shown to my family GIVEN BY Donna Berge & family.
 - ²⁸IN MEMORY OF Wayne & Ruth Baldus GIVEN BY Baldus children.
 - ²⁹IN MEMORY OF Ella and John Cordes GIVEN BY Cordes family.
 - ³⁰IN MEMORY OF our parents GIVEN BY Jerry & Jill Berg.

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