



Christmas Day
God dwells with us
December 25, 2022 – 9 AM

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Gesu Bambino - Upon This Christmas Morning*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Call and Response*

HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW 288

- 1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**
- 2 **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**
- 3 **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We tend to be messy, scattered, and full of doubt at times. Knowing that Jesus was born in a manger for us, and that Jesus loves and forgives us, is Good News. Let us confess together to God, knowing that the honest truth of our lives only makes the good news better.

C: **Holy God, too often we feel that change is hopeless.
When problems of the world overwhelm us, we give up hope.
We let insecurities rule us instead of spreading your joy.
We fail to be your messengers of peace in the world.
We often treat love like a transaction and expect something back -
instead of letting your love flow through us to others.
Forgive us for keeping score. Forgive us for turning away from your light.**

P: Family of faith, sin separates us from hope, peace, and joy.
Sin comes between us and love, both love of neighbor and love of self.
God sent his only son into this world so that we could have a new way.
Hear and believe the good news. No matter how many times we
turn our back on hope, or extinguish peace, or snuff out joy –
no matter how many times we let love burn out –
God continues to light our way. We are forgiven. We are seen.
We are loved. Hope, peace, joy and love are yours - Today.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of manger straw and swaddling cloth,

**C: God of silent nights and joyful mornings, we long to know you. Still our hearts,
we pray, and quiet our minds. Help us to enter deeply into this day; to pause here,
and hear your good news spoken over us. God, we long to know you, so speak
to us now. With grateful hearts, we pray – we listen. Amen.**

POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

*John's Gospel text is printed below. It will be presented in a contemporary form using both original text
and poetic additions where noted below - ✱ Poetic additions written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified
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**In the beginning was the Word ✱ And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He
was in the beginning with God. ✱ All things came into being through him, and without
him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life
was the light of all people. ✱ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it. ✱**

HOMILY Intern Kris Kincaid – *God dwells with us*

HYMN *Joy to the World*

ELW 267

- 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 heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Like Mary, we believe in cherishing good news.
Like the angels, we believe in singing God's praise.
Like the shepherds, we believe that God's presence
in our life is worth talking about.
Like generations before us and
like generations to come,
we believe God is with us.
God is here. God is love.
We believe. Thanks be to God!**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER—SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—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

- P. 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

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN: *Away in a Manger* - CRADLE SONG (the other tune) **ELW 278**

- 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 you there.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

BENEDICTION

P: *Receive the Benediction*
God bless you and keep you,
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270

- 1 **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
- 2 **Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
- 3 **Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

DISMISSAL — SENDING

- L From generation to generation,
God keeps drawing near.
- C: From generation to generation,
a light has shone in the darkness.**
- L: From generation to generation,
God's love has moved through the world.
- C: May we celebrate that,
and share the joy of this day.**
- L: Christ the Savior is born!
- C: Thanks be to God!**

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POSTLUDE *Mary's Little Boy Child*

PARTICIPANTS

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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.