

GLORY



to God in the highest

Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
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Christmas Day, 2021

Welcome to worship at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church!

The Lord Says, "*Be still and know that I am God!*" The Atrium is for fellowship and conversation. Once you enter the sanctuary, you are invited to enter into silence, meditation, and prayer as we come into God's presence and prepare to worship. The following prayers may be useful in centering your thoughts, mind and heart.

Prayers of private devotion before worship

Dispel, during this time of worship, O Lord, the many distractions of the world; that I may be able, with a quiet mind, to receive the promptings of your still, small voice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Send forth, O God, your good grace, and sanctify my soul, body, and mind; turn my thoughts to holiness, so that with a pure conscience, I may offer to you a worthy and acceptable sacrifice of praise; through the mercy and compassion of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your Holy, Good and Enlivening Spirit, now and always. Amen.

Prayer of private devotion after worship

O dear God, give us grace that, like St. Paul and St. Luke and other saints, we may highly prize our treasure, which is the same as theirs. Help us to cherish the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, above all else on earth, and to thank you from the heart that you have honored us with Him. It is pure grace that you have placed us in your green pastures, and have so richly provided us with the bread of heaven and the water of life. For these we owe you our hearty thanks. Keep us in faith and help us to walk in your ways, in love and service, until we enter into eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Please stand and face the processional cross, turning toward the front as it passes you.

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please remain standing if you are able.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed; wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

THE GREETING

P: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us:

C: **Full of grace and truth.**

P: We have beheld his glory;

C: **Glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

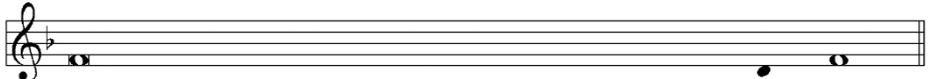
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE



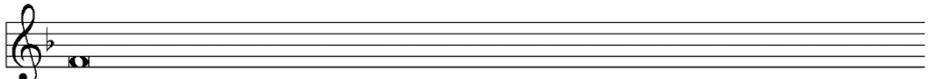
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



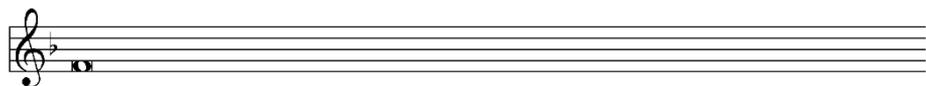
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn



Re-joyce, re - joyce this hap - py morn, a Sav - ior un - to us is



born, the Christ, the Lord of glo - ry! His low - ly birth at Beth - le -



hem the an - gels from on high pro - claim and sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!



My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; bless him ev - er



for sal - va - tion; give him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

³The LORD has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

**⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of
Israel,***

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

**⁶Sing to the LORD | with the harp,*
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

**⁸Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,*
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to |
judge the earth.

**¹⁰In righteousness shall he | judge the world*
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-12

1:1 After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, **1:2** in these last days he has spoken to us in a son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he created the world. **1:3** The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence, and he sustains all things by his powerful word, and so when he had accomplished cleansing for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. **1:4** Thus he became so far better than the angels as he has inherited a name superior to theirs.

1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my son! Today I have fathered you”? And in another place he says, “I will be his father and he will be my son.”

1:6 But when he again brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all the angels of God worship him!” **1:7** And he says of the angels, “He makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire.”

1:8 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. **1:9** You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. So God, your God, has anointed you over your companions with the oil of rejoicing.”

1:10 And, “You founded the earth in the beginning, Lord, and the heavens are the works of your hands. **1:11** They will perish, but you continue. And they will all grow old like a garment, **1:12** and like a robe you will fold them up and like a garment they will be changed, but you are the same and your years will never run out.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

**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!”**

**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!”**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. **1:2** The Word was with God in the beginning. **1:3** All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. **1:4** In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. **1:5** And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it.

1:6 A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. **1:7** He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that everyone might believe through him. **1:8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. **1:9** The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **1:10** He was in the world, and the world was created by him, but the world did not recognize him. **1:11** He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. **1:12** But to all who have received him – those who believe in his name – he has given the right to become God’s children **1:13** – children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband’s decision, but by God.

1:14 Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We saw his glory – the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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!”

Please sit.

THE SERMON

Deaconess Kathy Berrill

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

THE NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Rejoicing in God's gift of grace, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all on whom the Light of Christ shines.

If you are able please kneel for the prayers.

After each petition:

A: Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, as we live in the light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE OFFERING

A musical offering is made at this time as the tithes and offerings are received.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY 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!

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!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God with us:

C: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord, in His mer-cy, be with all of you.



C And with your spi-rit the Lord be with you.



P Now lift up your hearts, give thanks and praise.



C With hearts full of joy our thanks-giv-ing we raise.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

If you are able, please kneel.



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Glory to you, Lord God, heavenly King: in the beginning you created the world, through him who is the Word-made-flesh. In remembering your promises to Israel, that from the root of Jesse a new shepherd would come, at the appointed time the archangel Gabriel visited the blessed virgin Mary, and by the Spirit's power your Son was conceived. Born in humble surroundings, our Lord Jesus became Emmanuel, God with us, God born for us, God in the midst of us.

Thus we praise you for your goodness and laud your magnificent love, a love which would lead this child to become the man-for-others, the One who takes away all the fears, doubts, and helplessness; the One who, in love, bore the holy cross.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread; when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance.

When supper had ended, He took the cup; when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said: All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for my remembrance.

We join our voices with the angels and all the heavenly choir:

C: Glory to God in the highest!

P: Glory to you, Lord God, heavenly King: in this holy Child all lives are renewed, and all sins forgiven by His life and holy Passion, His resurrection and exaltation at your right hand. By that same Spirit which gave our Lord life as an infant, empowered His ministry of words and miracles and raised Him at his resurrection, bless now this Bread of Heaven and sanctify this Cup of Blessing, that as we eat and drink of our Lord's body and blood we may be filled with your forgiving love, and the promise of new life through this holy child.

C: Glory to you, Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Glory to you, and praise forever more.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 FRACTION/BREAKING OF BREAD

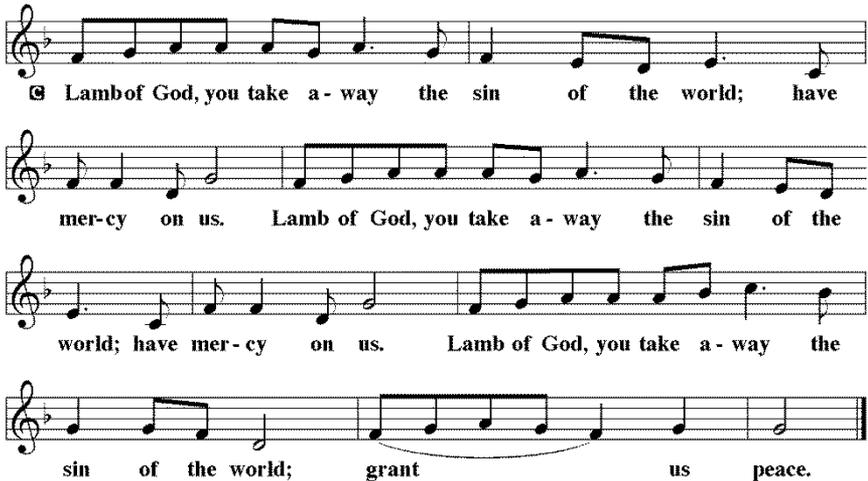
A time of silence.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have beheld His glory.

C: Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

THE AGNUS DEI

Please remain kneeling until after the singing of the Agnus Dei.



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please sit.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRED ELEMENTS

All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune.

The center ring glasses of each communion tray contain alcohol-free wine for those who require it.

From Luther's Small Catechism we hear:

*What benefits do we receive from this sacrament? The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, "**given and shed for you for the remission of sins.**" These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*

*How can eating and drinking do all this? It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, "**given and shed for you for the remission of sins.**" These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.*

A private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

Merciful Father, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.

A private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace!

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: God the Creator, who delights in you, Jesus the Savior, who is born for you, and the life-giving Spirit, who shines for you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace.



C: A - - - men.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Refrain

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

THE SENDING:

A: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God!



Dear Co-Workers in the Gospel,

On behalf of the whole staff we thank you for attending worship this Christmas Eve. It is our hope and prayer that you have a blessed and safe Christmas season. May Christ's presence give you a sense of hope and joy as you go forth from worship tonight.

As we reflect on this past year and anticipate the year to come, let us all give thanks with a grateful heart for the many blessings we have received this year. Above all else we thank God for bringing us together as a congregation with a renewed strength and purpose for mission and ministry.

In Christ,

Paster Jash Deaconess Karky

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