
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo" by Franz Liszt Tom Skyler, organ

"All Through the Silent Night" (*based on "Silent Night" and "All Through the Night"*) by Joel Raney
"Angels We have Heard on High" French carol/arr. Fred Gramann St. Luke Ringers:
Dan Hibbett, Tim Grabe, Susan Weston, Lee Hayes,
Rob, Sue, Catherine, and Beverly Skinner, Josiah and Rachel Chan, Tom Skyler, organ

"WELCOME CHRIST IN"

Procession of the Light of Christ:
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Beverly Skinner, soloist

Christmas Greeting and Blessing Pastor Beth Brashear

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1,3) Red Hymnal no. 283

Prophet's words: Isaiah 9:2-7 Jane Chan, reader

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Adibonou Family:
Jerome, Comfort, Glawdys, Nadege, Linda, Rosaline, Yolande and Fisayo

"Light the Candle" by Maureen Griepentrog

**Light the candle as a symbol of the Light that leads the way;
For this candle is a symbol of the Birth of Christ today.
As we strike the match and light the wick, come Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light.**

Anthem: "Carol at the Manger" by Marty Haugen/arr. by Mark Hayes Rejoice Choir

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Patti Welch
Pastor: "This is the Gospel of our Lord" All: "Thanks be to God!"

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Red Hymnal no. 289

Sermon Pastor Patti Welch

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (all verses) Red Hymnal no. 279

Prayers Gwladys Adibonou and Laurel Skinner, prayer leaders
(*After each petition ending "Lord in your mercy," all respond: "Hear our Prayer."*)

Offering: We offer our gifts to the Christ child

Offertory: "While Shepherds Lately Kneled" by Jaroslav Vajda/Craig Courtney Rejoice Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution

"Advent Hymn" by Christy Nockels/harp arr. by Catherine Skinner

Beverly Skinner, solo

Catherine Skinner, harp

"The First Noel"

Red Hymnal no. 300

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Red Hymnal no. 270

Organ Meditation

Tom Skyler

The Service of Candlelighting

John 1:1-14

Lee Welch, reader

"O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adam

Stephanie Schoap, solo

Molly Wheeler, piano

Hymn:

"Silent Night"

Red Hymnal no. 281

**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, heavenly 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 your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn:

"Joy To The World" (vs. 1,2)

Red Hymnal no. 267

Postlude:

"To the World, Joy!" ANTIOCH by G.F. Handel/arr. Joel Raney
"Vom Himmel Hoch" Aaron David Miller

St. Luke Ringers

Tom Skyler, organ

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship! Here is how we work to keep one another healthy:

- Thank you for wearing your mask during worship! Worship leaders may remove their mask while reading or leading prayers so long as they are at least 6' from anyone outside of their household; otherwise we all mask out of care for our neighbor.
- For those who want it, we have physically-distanced seating in the last pews on each side of the sanctuary, and in the narthex.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew and becomes Emmanuel in and through us. Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion bread from the pastors. Please keep your mask on and hold the bread as you proceed to the station along the altar rail with the wine (red) and grape juice (white). Once at the station, you may remove your mask to partake of the bread and the wine or grape juice. Put your empty glass in the basket at the station, then mask as you return to your seat via the side aisle.

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- All who hunger for Christ in this meal are welcome to partake: if you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Service of Candle Light

Ushers will light their candles from the pastors and will proceed down the aisles to light worshippers' candles. Please dip your unlighted candle into the lighted candle, then keep it upright while it is lit.

As we honor the Christmas holiday **we have one service, in-person and live-streamed at 10:30am** on Sunday, December 26.

May Christ's presence among you fill you with the love of God!

Love, St. Luke Lutheran Church

Pr. Patti Welch, Lead Pastor

Pr. Beth Brashear, Associate Pastor

Dr. Dan Hibbett, Minister of Music Ministries

Judy Willis, Service Coordinator

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CHRISTMASEVE ~ DECEMBER 24, 2021 ~ 10:30pm

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