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**FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE ~ HOLY COMMUNION ~ 10:30AM**

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December 26, 2021  
1st Sunday of Christmas

Gathering Music: "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" by John Francis Wade Leslie Gott, Molly Wheeler, duet

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Beth Brashear

Dialogue:

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

**Prayer: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### Lessons and Carols

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Dean Gustafson, reader

#### "Emmanuel"

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.***

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Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 Joan Bridgman, reader

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** (vs. 1, 3) Red Book # 279

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-38

**"What Child Is This?"** (vs. 1, 2) Red Book # 296

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

**"Away in a Manger"** (vs. 1, 3) Red Book # 278

Fifth Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Anthem: "Star Carol" by Alfred Burt Kristin Le Mon, solo

Profession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

Sixth Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Pastor Patti Welch

**"Of the Father's Love Begotten"** (vs. 1-3)

Red Book # 295

Christmas Reflection

Pastor Patti Welch

**Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

Red Book # 276

Prayers of the People:

Kristin Le Mon

The Offering ~ Our gifts go to ministry here and around the world.

Offertory Music

Tom Skyler, organ

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

The 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.**

During Distribution:

**"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

Red Book # 275

**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

Red Book # 282

Blessing

Closing Song: **"Go Tell It On The Mountain"**

Red Book # 290

Postlude; **"Once In Royal David's City"** by Robert Buckley Farlee

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: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion bread from the pastors. Please keep your mask on 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.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

## Blessings in the journey of faith!

St. Luke Staff

Pr. Patti Welch, Lead Pastor

Pr. Beth Brashear, Associate Pastor

Dr. Dan Hibbett, Minister of Music Ministries

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Dawn Juliano, Fiscal and Payroll Manager

*Flowers at the altar are gifted by Carol and Charlie Adams in honor of daughter Ashley and Ben's 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Grateful for our grandsons Hunter and Durham*



## First Sunday in Christmas Lessons and Carols December 26, 2021

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