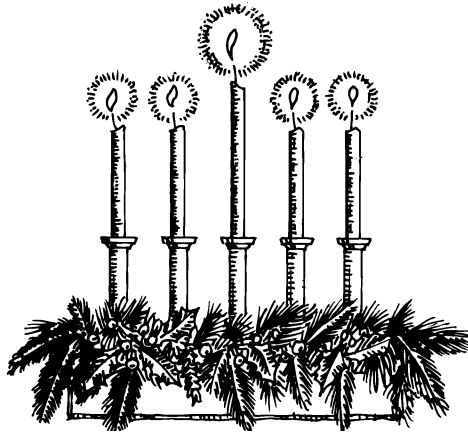


Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Duluth, Minnesota



December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

2:30, 4:30 & 10:30 p.m. Worship

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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PRELUDE 2:30 pm “A Child is Born in Bethlehem” (14th Century Benedictine Processional)
-arr. Robert Powell

“While Shepherds Watched” (Kentucky Folktune) - arr. Robert Powell

“Shepherd's Pipe Carol” - Dale Wood -Organ by Linda Turpening

Brooke Solberg- “Joy to the World”

Alaina Westholm – “The Little Drummer Boy”

Thea Kramer – “The Holly and the Ivy”

Thea and Clara Kramer – “The Sugar Plum Fairy”

Clara Kramer – “What Child is This”

4:30 pm “A Child is Born in Bethlehem” (14th Century Benedictine Processional)
-arr. Robert Powell

“While Shepherds Watched” (Kentucky Folktune) - arr. Robert Powell

“Shepherd's Pipe Carol” - Dale Wood -Organ by Linda Turpening

Garin Hackbarth – “Away in a Manger”

Isaak Hackbarth – “We Three Kings”

Jace Jordan - (organ) “Pastorale” from "The Messiah" -by G.F.Handel

10:30 pm Variations on "Es ist ein rose" by Gerald Near – Organ by Linda Turpening

Olivia and Maria Helland - "Christmas selections" Cello Duets

Call to worship 2:30 pm “I Wonder as I Wander” Paula Tsufis

4:30 pm “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Sheldon Withrow

10:30 pm "Winds Through the Olive Trees" Grace and Mark Monson

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*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

GREETING AND PRAYER

P: Good news of great joy, light of life, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

C: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

P: On them light has shined.

C: To us a child is born.

P: To us a Son is given.

C: Authority rests upon his shoulders.

P: And he is named Wonderful Counselor,

C: Mighty God,

P: Everlasting Father,

C: Prince of Peace.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen the glory of Jesus,

P: The glory as of the only Son from the Father,

C: Full of grace and truth.

P: In him is life,

C: And the life is the light of all people.

P: Let us pray:

C: Eternal God, you made this holy night shine with brightness of your true light. Fill us with your peace, fill us with your love, fill us with new life in Christ, as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#289

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain

REFRAIN

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.
Refrain

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

READING

Luke 1:26-35

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will

be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (2:30 & 4:30 pm)

Pastor Timothy Berdahl

All sing the first two verses of "Away In a Manger" as the children are coming forward.

Sing the last verse after the children's sermon, as children are returning.

HYMN

"Away In a Manger"

#277

- 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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

READING

Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.

MUSIC (2:30) “*Star Carol*” Grace Monsoon, Sue Heskin, Jill Kaiser, Paula Tsufis
(4:30) Musical Selection - Kayla Nyenhuis and Sanna Berdahl
(10:30) “*Peaceful, Silent Night*” -Mark and Grace Monson

GOSPEL (please stand)

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SERMON

Pastor Timothy Berdahl

HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#279

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| 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight. | No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive
him, still
the dear Christ enters in. |
| 3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n. | 4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel! |

APOSTLES' CREED

(please stand)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#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!"

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! *Refrain*

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

(please remain seated)

P: As the heavens and earth are filled with the grace and peace of the Word made flesh, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Mighty God, King of peace, strengthen the leaders of nations in their service, that all the corners of the earth may be filled with your justice and righteousness. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Give voice to your church, that we proclaim Christ in our midst and live out the good news of his birth among us. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Shelter those who are homeless, poor, lonely, and despised of the world. Break the yoke of their burdens and grant them your joy. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Console those who are homebound, hospitalized and sick. Enfold them with your light and healing. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Make room in our hearts for all who join us in worship, and call to mind those absent from us, that our common bonds of faith may be strengthened. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Enliven this congregation with your Word made flesh, that we may be signs of Christ's presence in the world. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Hold us in unity with all the saints, that together we may share in the joyful song of the heavenly hosts. God of grace and peace,

C: hear us, we pray.

P: Hear our prayer, gracious God, as we rejoice in the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING (2:30) "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"; "*He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising*"

- arr. Paul Manz

(4:30) *Christmas Selections* -by the Jordan String Trio

(10:30) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Sheldon Withrow

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

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 were made through him...In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- John 1:1-5

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

- Isaiah 60:1

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined*

- Isaiah 9:2

*To symbolize the spreading of the light of Christ into the world, for all people, the Light spreads from the altar candles to the farthest corners of the Sanctuary.
As God's people leave this worship service, we bring the Light of Christ with us wherever we go - to family, friends, workplaces and beyond.*

CANDLE LIGHTING

“Silent Night”

#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'nly 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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**

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“Joy to the World”

#267

(Please extinguish your candles as the hymn begins *)*

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

POSTLUDE

“Hark the Glad Sound”- arr. David Cherwien
“In Dulci Jubilo” - arr. Dale Wood



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd wishes to express thanks to the following people who have shared poinsettias this Advent and Christmas Season:

Poinsettias have been given in loving memory of:

Dusan (Duke) Asanovich by Karen Asanovich

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Christmas Worship Schedule



DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM.....Worship & Communion (Gathering Area)

JANUARY 1ST FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:00 AM.....Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

The church office will be closed December 26th and January 2nd

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

- Welcome Center** Susan Sage (2:30) Kathy & Jim Skoog (4:30) Volunteer needed(10:30)
- Greeters** Karen Ness (2:30) Karen Asanovich (4:30) Barb & Derek Olson (10:30)
- Ushers** John & Nancy Carlson, Craig & Debbie Sanders, Mary Thorene, Lois Opseth (2:30)
- Jim Skoog, Dave Kreager, Ron Gullicks, Dave Johnson (4:30)
- Linda Susens, Joyce Dohlin, Greg Susens (10:30)
- Lay Readers** Steve Kramer (2:30) Cathy Kreft (4:30) Rachel Moseley(10:30)
- Offering Counters** Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti, Elizabeth Lundgren, Dave Kreager,
-Sandy Scott, Scott & Sheila Stevens
- Organist**.....Linda Turpening
- Acolytes**..... Emilia McGiffert (2:30) Madison and Harper Wittmers-Graves (4:30)

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Merry Christmas!



*From Pastor Dave, Pastor Tim
&
The Staff of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*