



Christmas Eve 2020

Candlelight Worship

***We're so glad you're here
on this Holy Night!***

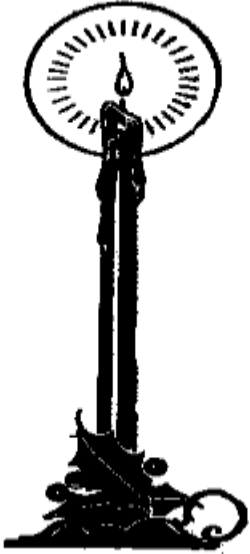
Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome.

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Merry Christmas! Thank you for attending our Christmas worship.

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Accompanists	Lina Gyles, Susan Peterson, & Amber Richardson	
Preludes	"Winter Wonderland"	Bella Sidoruk
	"Go Tell It on the Mountain"	Lila Farrenburg
	"Do You Hear What I Hear?"	Logan Sidoruk
Call to Worship	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"	Mia & Maizie Mendenall



The Blessing and Lighting of the Christmas Candles *Led by the Hanson Family*

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2 and John 8:12

L: The people who walked in darkness

All: Have seen a great light;

L: Those who have dwelt in a land of darkness

All: On them has light shined.

L: Again Jesus spoke to them saying:

All: “I am the light of the world:

L: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,

All: But will have the light of life.”

Welcome

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Cor. 13:13*

All: And also with you!

PM: Greet your neighbors-share the peace.

Gathering Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Led by Lila & Jessica DuFresne

ELW #283 Vs. 1-4

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

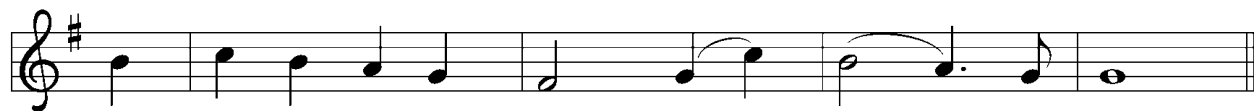


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

All: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

All: we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.**

PM: Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of ✠ Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day *Led by Cole Kimzey*

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267 Vs. 1-4

Led by Mendenalls & Richardsons

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading *Read by Brooke & Dan Kimzey* Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 9:

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You 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.
⁴For 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.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For 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.
⁷His 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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW #257 Vs. 1,4,6,8
Maizie Mendenall, Soloist

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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Reading*Read by Finn DuFresne*

Titus 2: 11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

Wes & Colleen Southwick

Reading

Luke 2:1-5

Pastor: A reading from St. Luke, Chapter 2:

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW #279 Vs. 1-4

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

Psalm 96 *Read by Lauren Kimzey & Ani Mason*

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and
all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Reading

Luke 2:6-7

Pastor: A reading from St. Luke, Chapter 2:

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.
⁷And 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.

Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

ELW #277 Vs. 1-3

Led by Rohn & Brandi Williamson

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

Pastor: A reading from St. Luke, Chapter 2:

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³And 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!"

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Led by Mendenalls & Richardsons

ELW #289 Vs. 1-3

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

Kids' Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

Pastor Paul has provided a coloring page for you to print for your children. It can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Pastor: A reading from St. Luke, Chapter 2:

¹⁵When 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."

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at

what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

The Offering

“What Child is This?”

Quinn Larson

Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

PM: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts in heaven, we praise your name as we await your coming, O Emmanuel.

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: 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 Closing Prayer and Benediction

PM: Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Closing Hymn “Night of Silence/ Silent Night” ELW#281 Vs.1-3
Tom Anderson, Guitarist
Led by Mendenalls & Richardsons

Night of Silence

1 Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life; we
2 Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night; on
3 Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star; your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night.
wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light.
light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly
shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise;
ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing;
ris - ing in the warmth of the Son's love;

fire of hope is our on - ly warmth:
breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls:
star un - know - ing of night and day:

wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
soon will we know of the morn - ing.
Spir - it, we wait for the lov - ing Son.

Text: Daniel Kantor

Music: NIGHT OF SILENCE, Daniel Kantor

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"Silent Night, Holy Night" may be sung simultaneously with "Night of Silence."

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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!</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

Text: Joseph Mohr, tr. John F. Young

God Sends Us Into The World

Dismissal

AM: Go tell it on the mountain, Jesus Christ is born! Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Lauren Sidoruk

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Happy Anniversary to Celeste and Rod Pogachar!

The church office is closed until January 4th.

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Prayers for safety and healing: Bonnie Montgomery, Celeste Pogachar, Linda Bentz, Ross Damrow, Robin Ireland, Pastor Dale Meador, Pastor Aprille Jordan, Eunice Romo, Quoia Anderson, Bill Jameson, Ken Price, Pastor Shannon Mayfield, Scott Southwick, Amber Wood, Richard Castor, Julie, Pat, Amber Lynch, Ken Cathey.

Prayers for Covid-19 Recovery: Connie and Steve Kjersten

Praise for Covid-19 Recovery: Patrick Gyles, Lori Gutierrez.

Prayers for comfort: for Amanda and Nathan Brady and the Stephens/ Martin families on the loss of Jodi Stephen, family and friends of Gary Rouse.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.

Please feel free to resubmit.



Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11