



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

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

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love:
worshiping, welcoming, learning and serving in Christ's name.

God Gathers the Body Of Christ

Prelude

Colleen Southwick, Accompanist 4:00 pm
Amber Richardson, Accompanist 7:00 pm

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.

Christmas Eve Litany.

Lighting all candles

Christmas Eve – The Word Incarnate – John 1:1-5

Reader: 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 came into being through

him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Reader: Every year we light our candles.

C: We watch the flames flicker with wonder.

Reader: God's light is here.

C: This light is life for all people.

Reader: The darkness will never overcome it.

(Light the Christ candle.)

All: The Word is with us. Thanks be to God.

Reader: Let us pray.

All: In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever. Amen.

— Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Gathering Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

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

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.

“Special Music”-

Mendenall Family - 4:00

Amber Richardson -7:00

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading

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.

Carol ,

“It Came upon a Midnight the Clear ”

ELW#282

V. 1,2,4

Psalm 96

(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)

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.

**⁸Ascribe 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.

**¹⁰Tell 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.

**¹²Then 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 2:1-5

Pastor: A reading from 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

“The First Noel”

ELW# 300

V.1,2,5.

Reading

Luke 2:6-7

Pastor: A reading from 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

V.1,3

Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Pastor: A reading from 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 **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** ELW #270
V1,2,3.

Kids Talk

Pastor Paul - 4:00
Jacque VanDenburg -7:00

Reading Luke 2:15-20

Pastor: A reading from 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."

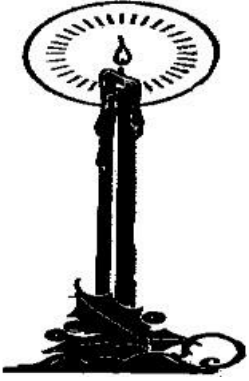
¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

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

Special Music **Wes Southwick 4:00 pm**
Joy to the world ELW#267 7:00pm

Sermon **Pastor Paul Anderson**

The Offering **“O, little town of Bethlehem”** **ELW #279**
V.1,2,4.



God Sends Us Into The World

The Closing Prayer and Benediction

PM: Tonight, as we celebrate God is with us in the birth of Jesus, let us continue to live lives of hope, peace, joy, and love. Share God's love with the shepherds you meet on the hillside. Let the communion of the Holy Spirit fill your heart with glad tidings like the angels. And the Prince of Peace born again tonight, may He live in your heart to comfort and challenge you as you seek to live as one of his disciples. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Silent Night ”

ELW# 281

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude