

REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christmas Eve
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LECTOR
USHERS

9:30am Drew Ogarek
 Jay Kropack & Dan Frawley



Are given by:
Dan & Deb Frawley
Winnie French
Connie Martin
Jan Strojny
Darlene Soucek
Bonnie & Wayne Trella
Nancy Ulloa
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Save the date:

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Sunday, Dec. 26~ 9:30am worship as usual.

Saturday, January 8, 9:30am~ remove church Christmas decorations




 and
 suddenly
 there was with
 the angel
 a multitude of
 the heavenly host
 praising God
 and saying
 Glory to God
 in the highest, and on earth,
 peace, goodwill towards
 men
 Luke 2
 13-14



“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”
 Dec. 24, 2021 ~7pm

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 In winter’s deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus’ birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Prelude: “When Hope Came Down” Deb & Linda

Welcome
 (Please stand as able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

C: Holy God, we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace:

“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”

Gathering Song:**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”****Red book #283***Greeting*

P: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

C: O come let us adore him.

P: May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Alec Ogarek

Christmas Eve

The Gift of a Savior

Tonight we celebrate the one moment, the one birth, and the one life that forever changed the world!

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have experienced the ultimate hope to combat even the darkest moments.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have seen the fullness of love to the highest degree..

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Because you came to us, we have seen the face of peace in its purest form.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Tonight, we celebrate your birth that unleashes hope, love, peace, and joy into the world from now until the day of your return.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Light of life, Mak - er of day, gath - er our
 sha - dows and cast them a - way. Bea - con of
 truth, gleam - ing and bright, shine in our
 hearts, shat - ter our night.

*Prayer after Communion*P: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***(Please be seated)**Song:***“Somewhere in Your Silent Night”**

Jan Strojny

Candle lighting:

Pastor will light a candle and carry the light, the symbol of Christ, to the ushers. The ushers' candles will be lit and they, in turn, will pass the light to the worshipers nearest the aisle. Each worshiper is to pass the light to the person next to them. The lit candle should be kept upright, and the unlit candle tipped into the flame to receive the light.

Candlelight Hymn:**“Silent Night, Holy Night”****Red book #281***Blessing & Benediction*P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.***Please extinguish your candles and place them in the box as you leave.***Sending Song:****“Joy to the World”****Red book #267****Dismissal**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

P: As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*Postlude:*

Prayers of Intercession

P: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Response after each petition: receive our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

C: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Song: "Peace" BC and Jan

*Words of Institution***Lord's Prayer (spoken):**

C: 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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

(Please remain standing)

*Distribution of Holy Communion**Blessing after Communion*

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

C: 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.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is from the 9th Chapter of Isaiah

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

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.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Red book #270

The Second Reading is from the 2nd Chapter of Titus
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God’s grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior’s final appearance.

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.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.
(Please stand as able)

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: “O Holy Night” Bonnie Trella

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God’s blessing of peace.

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. 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.

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!”

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
(Please be seated)

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn:
(Please be seated)

“The First Noel”

Red book #300