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Christmas Eve



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Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This service will use the liturgy WOV setting 5 (blue hymnal).

Please stand (if able) for sections marked with an asterisk () in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Karen Niemeier and Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

*** Greeting**

WOV page 28

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** Prayer of the Day**

WOV page 30

P: Let us pray.

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 .

C: Amen.

Lessons and Carols

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Choir Anthem

“This Silent Night”

Psalm 96

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 hon- or 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

Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW#283, verses 1-3

Lesson John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW#279

Lesson 2: Isaiah 9:2-7

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Carol

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

ELW#282

Lesson 3: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Lesson 5: Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration before Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carol “Away In a Manger”

WOV#644
with Piano and Bell Choir

Meditation

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

Carol “What Child Is This?”

ELW#296

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: God, in your mercy, **C:** **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, LaVonne and Logan.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The people share a sign of peace with one another.

Bell Choir

“He Is Born”

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: 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 of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...

All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen

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Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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**

Poinsettia's given in memory ...



In memory of Joe T. Green. Given by Joe & Trina Green.

In memory of Bill & Laura Derr. Given by the Derr Family.

In memory of Ruth & Earl Watson and Lucille & Virgil Diddens. Given by the Sue and Curt Diddens family.

In memory of Joyce & Oscar Tessendorf and Phyllis & Cletus Martin. Given by Beth and Jerry Martin.

In memory of Grandma Annie, Nick, Grandpa Ray, Grandma & Grandpa Nelson, and Grandma and Grandpa Schmid. Given by Kristy, Anna and Taylor Patterson.

In memory Eugene and Ethel Boeger. Given by Sue Rush.

In memory of Catharine & Glenn Wire and Ira & Nelda Wire. Given by Eleanor Stalder.

In memory of loved ones by the Gullickson family.

In memory of loved ones by Paul and Shirley Fox and family.

In memory of Gene Hesselbacher and loved ones. Given by Vivian Hesselbacher.

In memory of Burton & Mildred Boeke and Thomas Koppean. Given by Susan Koppean.

In memory of parents and grandparents given by Karen Niemeier.

In memory of Shane Stouffer, given by the Keene Family.

Announcements

Please join Christmas morning us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Worship Service with communion begins at 9:30am.

Please be sure that any *offering contribution* you would like credit for this year, is received prior to the end of worship on **Sunday, December 25, 2022**. Any contribution received after that time will be credited in 2023. Thank you for your cooperation. In an ongoing effort to reduce expenses, your offering envelope number for next year may change. *It is imperative that you write your name on your envelope so that you receive proper credit.*

Your generosity and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact *Sheila at (815)369-5101*.
Thank you.

We will collect Thankofferings during November and December.

*Bible Study Group
meets on Tuesday's
at 11am in Fellowship Hall.*

Tuesday, January 3rd
Cub Scout meeting
at 6:30pm Fellowship Hall.

**Piece Corps Quilting Group
Meets every Wednesday
from 8am-11:30am in Fellowship Hall**