

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2023



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

CHORAL PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

We Have Seen the Light

We Shall Prepare

Breath of Heaven

Bleak Midwinter *Soloist: Rowen Krantz*

Sing We Now of Christmas

Liturgy of St. James

Heather Sorenson

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

Christina Rossetti & Gustav Holst

Arr. Jay Althouse

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Christopher Uehlein

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

APOSTOLIC GREETING

DIALOG FOR CHRISTMAS

Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God.

you were before time began and came into the world to save us.

**Blessed are you, Sun of Righteousness,
you shine with the Father's love
and illumine the whole universe.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary;
born a child, you shared our humanity.

Let heaven and earth ring out their praise.

O Mystery of the Word made flesh, with all the voices of heaven,
we celebrate your coming as our Savior.

Let all people and angels sing of your glory.

O Splendor the Father's Light,
with all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.

Praise and honor and glory to you, O Incarnate Word.

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW 289

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

What Child is This

ELW 296

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW 279



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
on the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Soloist: James Martin

Howard MacGimsey

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Welcome, Son of Mary*

Christopher Uehlein

OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,

Receive and bless these gifts we have offered.

**Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.**

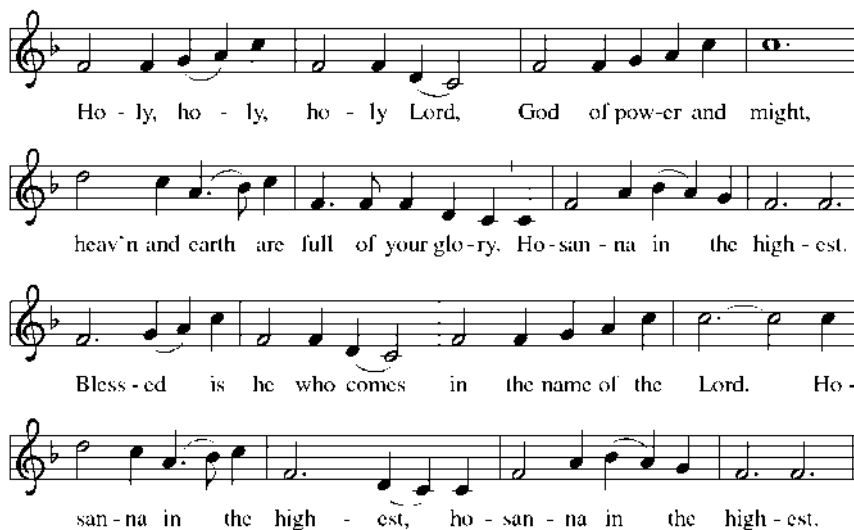
**Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor. Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 270, 300, 276, 277, 282

Mary's Boy Child

Jester Hairston

Soloist: James Martin; Piano: Sherry Fahnestock

TABLE BLESSING

HYMN

Silent Night

ELW 281

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Robert J. Hughes

*Join us next Sunday for our service of Lessons and Carols.
Sunday, December 31 @ 10:00 am*



ST. LUKE
Evangelical Lutheran Church



Presiding Minister: Christopher Frye
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*Sundays - 10:00 am Holy Communion
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education
Wednesdays - 11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom*