

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2023



"Dawn," by Eric Gill, 1929

A Service of Lessons and Carols
HOLY COMMUNION

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

The First Nowell

Craig Curry

GATHERING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High

ELW 289

DIALOGUE

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

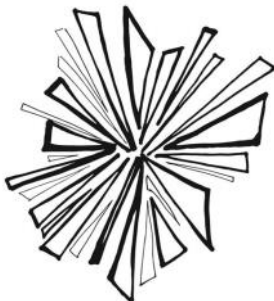
God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!
A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*



Lessons and Carols

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18 Sue Cline
FIRST CAROL *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* ELW 284

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2–5a Sue Cline
SECOND CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* ELW 269

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26–35, 38 Heidi Frye
THIRD CAROL *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming* ELW 272

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18–25 Isabelle Frye
FOURTH CAROL *Jesus, the Light of the World* See screens

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8–20 Tiffany Frazier
FIFTH CAROL *Angels, From the Realm of Glory* ELW 275

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1–11 Pastor Frye
SIXTH CAROL *What Child is This* ELW 296

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1–14 Dick Foster
SEVENTH CAROL *Of the Father's Love Begotten* ELW 295

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.
Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger
To gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger
To kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger
To sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life
**Cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty,
and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.
Amen

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Holy Child

Mercy Bartlett

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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

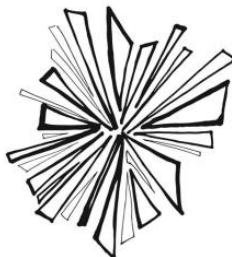
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.'.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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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

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 270, 269, 282, 286

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

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

BLESSING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.
**We worship with gifts of song and service,
talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.
We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 288

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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