

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2024



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

“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

CHORAL PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius, Edited by Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

How Great Our Joy!

Traditional German Carol, arr. Craig Courtney

Amen! Tell it On the Mountain

Traditional African American Spiritual, arr. Mary McDonald

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Traditional Africa American Spiritual, arr. Ryan Murphy

The choir is under the direction of Elizabeth Aragunde tonight.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Voluntary on Two Carols

David Kidwell

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 OF PRAISE *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

HOLY 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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW 288



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

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child is This

Christopher Uehlein

OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of heaven and earth,

From the beginning, you have called forth life,

In which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.

Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,

That we may join the chorus of creation

To tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the fourth line. The fourth staff contains the fifth line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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 - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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 269, 300, 276, 277, 282

TABLE BLESSING

HYMN

Silent Night

ELW 281

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Robert J. Hughes

*Join us on Sunday for our service of Lessons and Carols.
Sunday, December 29 @ 10:00 am*



ST. LUKE
Evangelical Lutheran Church



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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*