

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024



"Dawn," by Eric Gill, 1929

A Service of Lessons and Carols
HOLY COMMUNION

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Dan R. Edwards

GATHERING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269

DIALOGUE

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus, cradled in the arms of his mother.
**Seeing this wondrous sight, may our hearts be comforted
and our spirits filled with peace.**

*Come! Listen to choirs of angels announcing good news
to all people.*

**Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing:
Glory to God in the highest!**

*Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart,
not as history but as a gift.*

**Opening our hearts to this great mystery,
may Christ be born in us today.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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: Luke 2:1-7

Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus.

FIRST CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

ELW 276

SECOND READING: Luke 2:8-16

Luther's reflection on the shepherds and angels.

SECOND CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW 282

THIRD READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men.

THIRD CAROL *The First Noel*

ELW 300

FOURTH READING: John 1:1-5, 14-18

Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh.

FOURTH CAROL *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

ELW 295



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**

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 shepherd.

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

OFFERTORY

Thy Little Ones

J.A. P. Schultz

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW 490

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 our 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 the hymn. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,"

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The second system of musical notation. 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 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 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.

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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

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, 269, 282, 286

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Cold December Flies Away*

ELW 299

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "In dulci jubilo"

James Mansfield

Presiding Minister: Christopher Frye
Assisting Minister: Tiffany Frazier
Lector: Linda Miller
Communion Assistants: Jodi Forrester
& Carol Angstadt
Acolyte: Gabe 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



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