



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 2016, 9:00 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Angels, From The Realms of Glory (vs 1-2)*.....#275

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and
worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Come and
worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Greeting

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.

Reading.....Psalm 98

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

C: The Lord's right hand and his holy arm has brought victory.

ALL: The Lord has made known his victory.

P: God has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with
music;

C: With lyre, sound of melody, with trumpets and with the harp.

ALL: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

P: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

P: Let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Hymn.....*Joy To The World (vs 1,4)*.....#267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Christmas Confession (*John 1:1-17*)

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

C: Through him all things were made; what joyful good news!

P: Without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: There was a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. Jesus, the true light that gives light to everyone was in the world, and through him, the world did not recognize him.

C: Forgive us for not receiving you, Lord Jesus.

P: Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born neither of natural descent, nor of human decision but born of God.

C: We receive you anew, Lord Jesus.

P: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Receive the pardon and see the glory of our Lord. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day (*From Martin Luther*)

C: Little Child of God, laid in a manger, we adore your coming! Now God is of our image, God is of our flesh and blood. Now there is no difference at all between your body and ours. You are our Savior and our brother lying in a cot. You join our human frailty, share our needs, and assure us of utter glory. Halleluiah! Amen!

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

Hymn.....*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs 1-2)*.....#276

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Reading.....Titus 3:4-7

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn.....*Silent Night, Holy Night (vs 1)*.....#281

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Gospel.....John 1:1-5,10-14

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Oh Christ.

Choices, Reject, Receive, or Reflect.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn.....*In The Bleak Midwinter (vs 1-2)*.....#294

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord in your Mercy; **C: Hear our prayers.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer:

P: Holy Christ, as we celebrate this day with carols and prayers, gifts and feasting, may we open our hearts to receive you. Come Incarnate Love, and rejuvenate us in body, mind, and spirit, until Christmas optimism spills over into every thought, action and prayer. To your praise and glory!

C: Amen.

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Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 145

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*As With Gladness Men of Old (vs 1-2)*.....#302

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

Communion Hymn 2.....*Angels We Have Heard On High (vs 1-2)*.....#289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Communion Prayer

P: Almighty and redeeming God, today you have made us one with you through your Son who took on our frail flesh. We thank you for this Word made flesh, revealed to us in the manger and in the bread and wine. Grant that we may find in his birth the new birth which he brings in us, to live out your gospel of love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Good Christian Friends Rejoice (vs 1-2)*.....#288

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened

**heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

Blessing

P: Go now and join your voices with the song of joy in all creation. Announce peace. Mend broken hearts and minds. Let the earth know that God reigns. And may God sustain you with his powerful Word. May Christ Jesus be born as Savior within you. And may the Spirit reveal to you the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 29th. Sorry for any inconveniences!

Celebration Sunday: Anybody who celebrated a birthday or special occasion in the month of December, please feel free to bring a treat to share after worship next Sunday, January 1st in celebration!

Joint Service: We will be having a joint service with Grace Lutheran on Sunday, January 15th at Grace starting at 8:00am. We will also be having pot luck after worship, so bring a dish to pass!

Committee Leaders: Please remember to update the office, or write on the calendar outside of the office, times of any practices, meetings, events, and so forth so that they can be added to the Sunday announcements and monthly Messengers. Thanks!

Annual Meeting: Our Saviour's annual congregational meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, February 5th. Committees will need to have their annual reports turned into the office no later than **Thursday, January 19th**. Thank you!

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Constance Kastad, Carol Byington, Clinton Larson, Caitlin Toraason, LeAnn Ring, Lisa Schmitt, Sawyer Kurth, Debra Olson, Jeffrey Reick, Mackenzie Standish, and Bonnie Lyga.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthouser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthouser, Elaine Foss, Linda Schroeder and Christin Stoutner.

Coming Up This Week:

Thursday - Office Closed

Sunday - Worship 9:15am (Celebration Sunday)

Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

- Daughter Connie Watson by Mary Ann Watson
- Husband Charles E. Watson by Mary Ann Watson
- Husband Sidney Borreson by Irene Borreson
- Son Dale Borreson by Irene Borreson
- Alvin and Esther Nelson by Jim and Kay Nelson
- Victor Foss and Samuel Foss; Leonard and Helen Foss by Sharon Foss

- Raymond and Alma Loga; Hugh and Alvina Goard; John and Viola Dunham by Dave and Brenda Loga Family
- Alfred and Elenora Sesvold; James and Ethel Hughes by Jim and Georgia Hughes and Family
- Janice Chamberlain by Karen Witte
- John Witte by Karen Witte
- Daryl Oates by Donna Oates and Family
- Nathalie Rusk and Stella Ringstad by John, Paula and Nick Powell; Paul and Megan Nelson; Cody Bautch
- Ruth Powell by John, Paula and Nick Powell; Paul and Megan Nelson; Cody Bautch
- Clarence and Agnes Mathson; Elmer and Florence Ryan by John and Shirley Mathson
- Edward Ausderau by Delores Ausderau and Family
- Bennie and Stella Ringstad; August and Emma Ringstad by Ben and Sharon Ringstad and Richard and Bev Waldera
- Ronald E. Harms by Barbara J. Harms
- Helen Pollman; Bob and Shirley Gauger; Albert and Elsie Gauger by Kathy and Chuck Gauger and Family
- Parents Morgan and Blanche Halverson and Brother Duane Halverson by Shirley Wozney
- Tom Toraason by Ann Toraason and Family
- John Hansen by Sue Hansen and Family
- Peter Speerstra; William B. Delong; Mary Pat Delong by Jack and Mary Speerstra and Family
- Neil Coburn from Deloris Coburn and Family
- Frank Coburn, from Deloris Coburn and Family
- Kari Coburn from Deloris Coburn and Family

In Honor of:

- Russ and Carol Anderson's 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 26th by Jim, Julie, Sharon and Family

- Our grandsons: Devin Klomsten, Jackson, Gannon and Bennett Loga by Dave & Brenda Loga
- Our Godchildren, Mikayla, Chloe, and Darren by Kris and Duane Dubiel
- Willard and Helen Halverson by Jim and Kay Nelson
- Hughes Grandkids: Taylor, Hillary, Cody, Kayley, Evan, Carson and Avery by Jim and Georgia Hughes
- Marilyn Speerstra by Jack and Mary Speerstra and Family

Thank you for blessing our church with Christmas Poinsettias. You are welcome to take your flowers home after the Christmas Day service. Plastic to cover the flowers is available in the sacristy.

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