

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

*The minister lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. **The lighted candle is never tilted.***

***HYMN** "Silent Night, Holy Night!" ELW #281

***THE PRAYER AND SENDING**

***BENEDICTION** "All Praise to You Eternal Lord" arr. R. Myers

The candles are extinguished.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW #289

***THE POSTLUDE**

Poinsettias may be picked up after this evening's worship service.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHER CHAPEL

- Ministers..... People of Lutheran Chapel Church
- Pastor..... Michael Comer
- Administrative AssistantKim Rundzieher
- Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries..... Amy Carpenter
- Organist..... Lisa Burch
- Music Directors..... Roger & Jeanette Myers
- Nursery Attendant Charlie Jones
- Assistant Minister Baker Sanders
- Lector Jason Sanders
- Acolyte Maddie Potter
- Crucifer Sarah Jamison
- Bible Bearer Ben Carpenter
- Banner Bearer..... Ryan Thornburg
- Torch Bearers Noah Comer & Mason Swindler
- Ushers..... Ervin Hoffman Jr., James Hovis, Ken Lentz, Norman Overcash
- Communion Assistants..... Ann & Charles Edwards
- Communion Presenters..... David & Susan Lewis
- Helping Hands..... Rachel Anthony
- Council Members Ed Robinson & Jim Sloop
- Altar Guild David & Susan Lewis

LUTHERAN CHAPEL

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2019

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE



*Jesus is born of the Virgin and placed in a manger and
praised by angels and shepherds.
Prophecy is fulfilled. Faithful humility is for all to see.*

LUTHERAN CHAPEL
CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“And There Were Shepherds”
“The Wild Wood Carol”
“On Christmas Eve”

J. S. Bach
John Rutter/simp. arr. R. Myers
Joyce Pelos

CHANCEL AND CHAPEL VOICES

“By Candlelight”

Ruth Elaine Schram
Mason Swindler, Guitar
Harrison Swindler, Bass

CHAPEL VOICES

“Thorns in the Straw” Graham Kendrick, arr. Richard Hubbard, simp. arr. R. Myers
“Silent Night/Night of Silence” arr. Daniel Kantor

BANJO CAROL

Hunter Angstadt

UKULELE CAROL

Baker Sanders

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Olivia Hovis, Piano

WIND ENSEMBLE

“Two English Carols”
“A Christmas Canon”
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“Two Spanish Carols”

arr. Mark Williams
arr. Michael Green
arr. Mark Williams
arr. Mark Williams

GATHER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.
BOLD indicates congregational responses.*

SERVICE ENTRANCE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. R. Myers

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord Jesus to all baptized. If you have yet to receive baptism, you are welcome to come for a blessing. For those of you who choose, grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. The Communion bread is not gluten free, but gluten free is available upon request.

HAND BELLS

Select Christmas Carols

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you in body and soul to everlasting life. Let us depart in +peace.

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

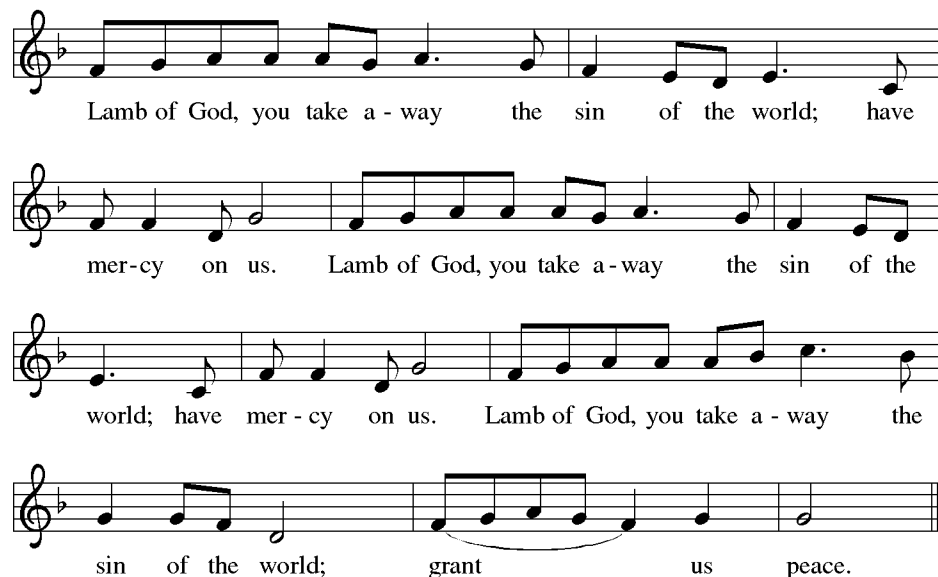
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

Time of silence for self examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Joy to the World”* ELW #267

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

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.

THE KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

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 PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE SANCTUS** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Matthew 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

ANTHEM

"Gloria"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Antonio Vivaldi
Dr. Crown Hoffman, Trumpet

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL *Psalm 104:14-15, Isaiah 25:6, 1 Corinthians 5:7*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life +everlasting. Amen.**

*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Wonderful counselor, on this holy night your church throughout the world celebrates the Word of God being born among us. Endow your church with a zeal for sharing your love and grace with all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers continue and conclude with this petition:

P: Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a Child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom He favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this Child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Birth of Christ”

Isaiah’s Vision and the Teaching to Titus

The Ultimate Christmas Gift

THE LAW is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: How can the Creator of all that is love me?

THE GOSPEL is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ:

Jesus the Christ is born for us. All who trust in the Christ Child will receive the fullness of life now and forever.

ON DISCIPLESHIP: Rejoice! Celebrate! Contemplate the holy birth for us. What is your take away for following Christ?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

ELW #272

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah’s king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God’s passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before You
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
You have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a Son given to us;
authority rests upon His shoulders;
and He is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and His kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96

“Today Is Born Our Savior”

James Chepponis

Congregational refrain:



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1. O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all you lands.
O sing to the Lord, and bless God's name, and bless God's name.

Refrain:

2. Announce His salvation each day, His glory among all the nations;
among all peoples His wondrous deeds, His wondrous deeds.

Refrain:

3. Let heaven and earth rejoice; let seas and what fills them resound;
let plains be joyful and all therein, the trees of the forest exult.

Refrain:

4. Exult in the Lord, who comes, who comes to rule the earth,
to rule the world with justice, the nations with truth.

Refrain:

THE SECOND LESSON

TITUS 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE VERSE**

“Alleluia”

John 6:68



***THE GOSPEL**

LUKE 2:1-20

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

God's greatest gift comes as a Baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her Child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in bands of cloth, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.