

This is My Son



DECEMBER 25, 2022 - CHRISTMAS DAY

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 25th, 2022

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 98

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#710:1,2,4 Once In Royal David's City

Author: Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)

1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children crowned,
All in white, His praise will sound.

Invocation

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Sins

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

#90 "Come, Your Heart and Voices Raising"

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. Sin and death may well be groaning,
Satan now may well be moaning;
We, our full salvation owning,
Cast our every care away.

all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

3. See how God, for us providing,
Gave His Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heavenly joy.

4. Christ, from heaven to us descending
And in love our race befriending,
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily Foe.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

6. From the bondage that oppressed us,
From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us,
We, the captives, now are free.

7. Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing
And to Thee we come confessing,
That our freedom thou hast wrought!

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, grant that the birth
of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us
free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us,
From Thy lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join the angelic choir.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French carol, 18th cent.

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

THE WORD

Isaiah 52:7-10 ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" ⁸ Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. ⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Psalm 2

Antiphon: Sung by the Congregation

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Soloist: Benjamin Lillo

Why do the nations rage

And the people plot a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take
counsel together,

Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

"Let us break Their bonds in pieces*

And cast away Their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;"

The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Antiphon

Soloist:

"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me.

'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

Ask of Me, and I will give You

The nations for Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth for Your possession."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,"

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

Hebrews 1:1-6 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You "? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son "? ⁶ But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come 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.

#83 "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices"

by John Cawood, 1775-1852

1. Hark! what mean those holy voices

Sweetly sounding through the skies?

Lo, the angelic host rejoices,

Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2. Listen to the wondrous story

Which they chant in hymns of joy,

Glory in the highest, glory!

Glory be to God most high!

3. Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4. Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth, His praises sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

SERMON

John 1:1-16 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that

Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

THIS IS MY SON: JESUS



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-



way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-



va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

76:1,2,4 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

by St. Germanus, 634-734

1. A great and mighty wonder.

A full and holy cure:

The Virgin bears the Infant

With virgin honor pure!

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

2. The Word becomes incarnate

And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

Offering

4. Since all He comes to ransom.

By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord.

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

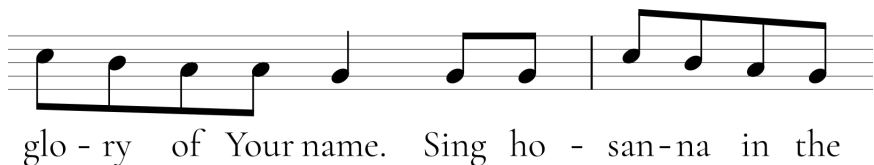
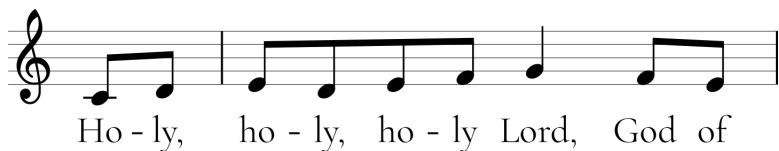
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love; Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;

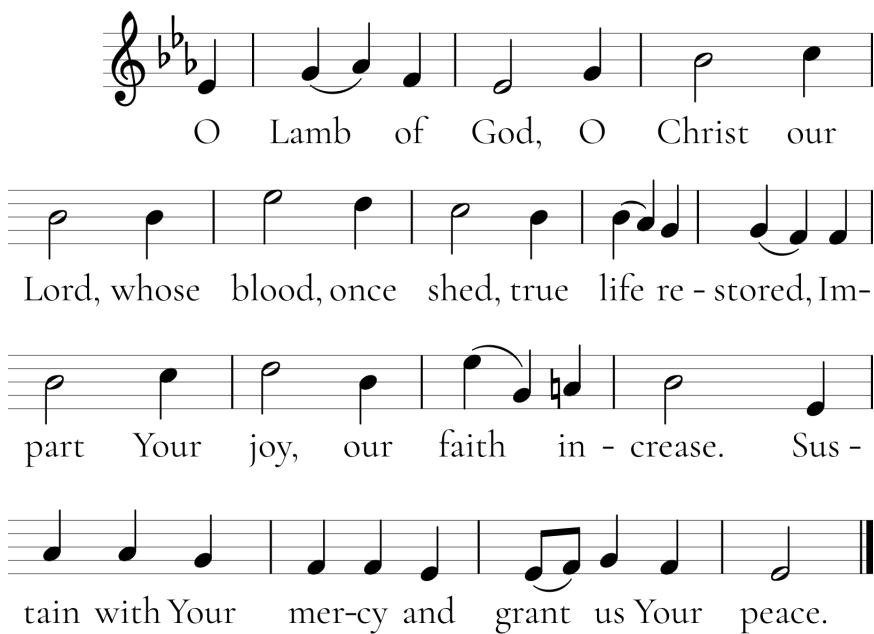


high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

The Distribution

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

#106:1,4,5 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

by John Morison, 1749-1798

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.

4. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.

5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor.
The God by all adored.

The Benediction

p The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#94 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim.

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the new-born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored.

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold Him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,

Hail the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as Man with man to dwell;

Jesus, our Immanuel!

Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He leaves His throne on high,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

4. Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 25

10 am Christmas Service with Communion Service

Saturday, December 31

7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service with Communion

8:00 pm New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, January 1

9 am New year's Day Service

10am Clean up Christmas Decorations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 25 - 10am Christmas Service

Dec 31 - 7pm New Year's Eve Service

Dec 31 - 8 pm New Years' Eve Party

USHERS FOR ADVENT

Bob Kirst, Russ Brown

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE

Dan Thiem, Russ Brown,
Dave Draeger, Wayne Draeger

CHRISTMAS DAY /

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mike Dumke, Jeff Jones,
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Ryan Krueger, Kent Quade,
Dale Muehlenhaupt, Jake Kearns

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 1

Dennis Jones, Greg Jones

Next Week Team # 2

Lynn Dumke, Keith Dickerson

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 73

General - \$ 4060.00

Missions -\$ 200.00

Building Fund - \$ 1000.00

In memory of Lyndon Pamenter \$
150.00 to Building Fund

School Fund - \$ 20.00

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes available with the final nominees listed on the shelf under the bulletin board.

NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve get together at church after services. Cards and games for the adults. Games and movies for the kids. Bring finger food to share.

2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The application deadline for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 16th, 2023. Space is limited for this trip so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:7-14

Psalm 111

Gal. 4:4-7

Matt. 2:13-23

CALL NEWS

Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, has returned the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.



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