

THE BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you today and always! **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

HYMN: Joy to the World (vs 1,2,4)

ELW #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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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 Eve

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Music: Toni Brekke

4:00pm Service

Ushers: Deb Rhoads & Rochelle

Lector: Miriam Lagus

Vocals: Choir & Church Members

Sound System: Joe Landgreen

10:00pm Service

Ushers: Rose Anderson & Levi Linngren

Lector: Lisa Rudquist

Vocals: Riley Linngren

Sound System: Jason Linngren



December 24, 2021

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



Bolded words: Congregation
Non-bolded words: Pastor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs 1,2,4)

ELW #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.

All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising, to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn king.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC, 4:00pm Service:

Toni Brekke

SPECIAL MUSIC, 10:00pm Service:

Riley Linggren

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May this, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW #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.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light!
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

HYMN: O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1&3)

ELW #283

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYERS

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CHRISTMAS DIALOG:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

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

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Let us pray.

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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High (vs.1&3)

ELW #289

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn king.

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 11:1-10

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The Christmas Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist