

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

December 25, 2025
10:30 am Service

*Merry
Christmas*

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Welcome to worship at First Lutheran!
As we encounter God's Word and respond with prayer and praise,
may this gathering be for you a holy time of grace, inspiration, and renewal.
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We're glad you're here!

PRELUDE

Carol Of The Bells

Ruby Daum

CALL TO WORSHIP

God Rest Ye Merry

arr. Christ Rice

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

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.

God, who is rich in mercy...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
Music: IN CULCI JUBILO, German Carol, 14th Cent. PUBLIC DOMAIN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97

- ¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.
³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and
rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear v 1

ELW 282

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear v 4

ELW 282

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-20

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

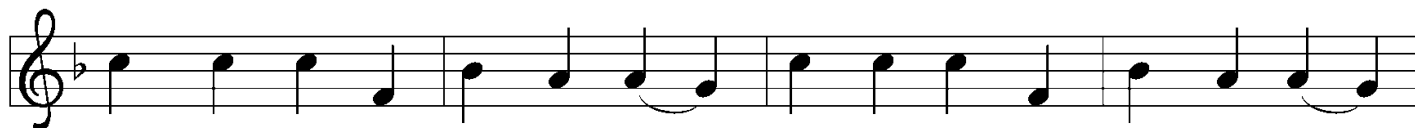
ELW 270



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

CONFESSION OF FAITH (to the tune of “O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

*In God the Father we believe, The Lord of hosts his name.
All things from him their form receive; By his strong Word they came.
By him was all created In earth and heav’n above.
He made them all, things great and small, By his great pow’r and love.*

*In God’s Son Jesus we believe, Who came at God’s own hour,
Whom Virgin Mary did conceive By Holy Spirit’s pow’r.
He suffered and was buried, Was raised at God’s own call.
To reign on high, and to draw nigh At last as Judge of all.*

*In Holy Spirit we believe, And in Christ’s Church on earth.
The saints, united, faith receive, A gift of precious worth.
He sanctifies and keeps us By his empow’ring love.
Forgiven, we the grave shall flee To live with God above.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.
Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.
You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.
Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.
You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.
Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.
You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.
May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING MUSIC

I Wonder as I Wander

Jenna York

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

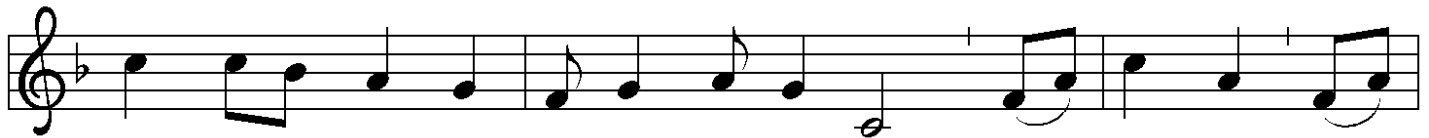
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table today.
Please see the insert for more information*

COMMUNION HYMNS

What Child Is This

ELW 296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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BLESSING

(to the tune of “O Come All Ye Faithful”)

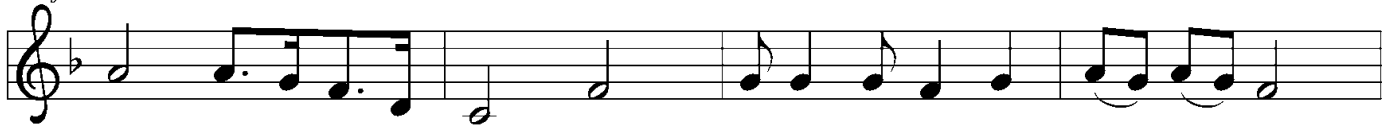
*The Lord bless and keep you
Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face
To shine with peace!
Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
The Savior close beside us,
God’s love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit’s pow’r to guide us, evermore.*

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Diane Bish

Serving at today's Worship Service:

Pat Anderson, Pianist

Ruby Daum, Special Music Pianist

Jenna York, Song Leader

Stacie Horst, Reader

Please join us today for
Christmas Dinner in the First
Lutheran Activity Center

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