

Please light candles.

Sending Songs

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 281

Joy to the World (vv. 1-3)

Hymn 267

Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy to the World

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unity Worship Services will be held at 10:00 am:

Sunday, December 26

& Sunday, January 2

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St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24, 2021

7:30p.m. Traditional Worship

Full Festival Christmas Eve



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We are glad to have you worship with us this evening! Please let us know you are here by signing in on the white Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

Prelude *Christmas Recital*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

A reading from Second Corinthians: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Celebration of Holy Communion

Please follow the guidance of the ushers and make every effort to give others distance as we commune together. Please receive both elements and then unmask to partake in this meal. Also, please know you are welcome to receive a blessing instead of partaking in communion as a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and grace for you. These are the gifts of God for all.

Communion Songs

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Hymn 277
<i>What Child Is This</i>	Hymn 296
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Hymn 282

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through ✠ Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Christmas Preface/Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and God of might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1,3 & 4)

Hymn 283

Greeting

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.

Canticle of Praise*

- 1 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
- 2 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
- 3 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

Children's Message

All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.

First Lesson Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn 270

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible p. 555)

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vv. 1, 3) Hymn 289

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (Pew Bible p. 969)

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please light candles and rise for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation*

Sing we now of Jesus, born on Christmas day.
Sing we now of Jesus, born on bed of hay.
Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice;
sing we now of Jesus, born to light our way.

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The Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke2:1-20 (Pew Bible pp. 832-833)

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Recessional

Please extinguish lights and be seated

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Jason R. Davis

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Hymn of the Day *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn 279

Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Petitions will be concluded with:

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you.

Please extend a greeting of welcome and a word of grace to those around you.

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering Song

Please stand

Song of Thanksgiving *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* (v.1) Hymn 251

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.

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