

Ascension Lutheran Church Christmas Day Worship Friday, December 25, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory (Michael Burkhardt)

OPENING WORDS

- PT: Merry Christmas! God is with us!
- PC: God said to Jacob know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.
- PT: God said to the people do not fear for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God.
- PC: The prophet Isaiah recorded the words of God: Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel: God with us.
- PT: Of John the Baptist it was said, 'And you child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.'
- PC: And remember, said Jesus, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- PT: Emmanuel! God with us. Merry Christmas!

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 275



PRAYER

P: Let us pray...All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come All Ye Faithful (arr. Douglas Wagner)

Steve and Carol Spieker

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adore (Kendrick/Chalk)

You stepped down from heaven Humbly You came God of all creation, here with us In a starlit manger Emmanuel Light of the world here to save

Adore, Come let us adore O come let us adore Him the Lord Worship Christ the Lord Let all that is within us adore Wise men bring their treasures Shepherds bow low Angel voices sing, of peace on earth What have I to offer to heaven's King I will bring my life my love my all

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening, at Your feet we fall

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1)

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In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 3)

ELW 270

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

SERMON Give Me Jesus Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

He Shall Reign Forevermore (Tomlin/Maher)

In the bleak mid-winter All creation groans For a world in darkness Frozen like a stone Light is breaking In a stable for a throne

(And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore And He shall reign forevermore forevermore Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords And He shall reign forevermore forevermore If I were a wise man, I would travel far If I were a shepherd, I would do my part But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart

Here within a manger lies the One Who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice
Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
Christ the Messiah

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

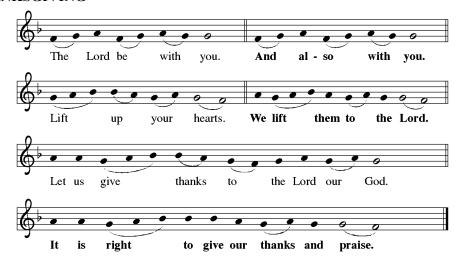
MUSICAL OFFERING

Away in a Manger

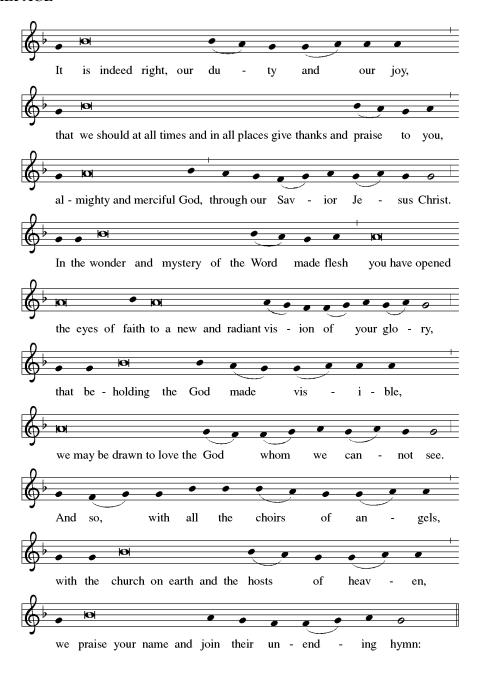
Amy James, Flute Grace James, Cello

PRAYER

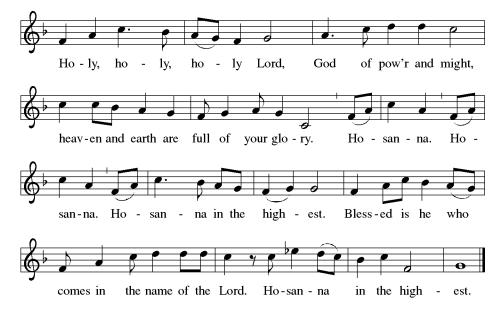
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PROPER PREFACE



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A Christmas Blessing (Philip Stopford)

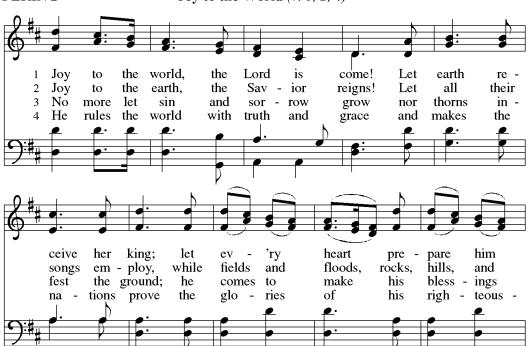
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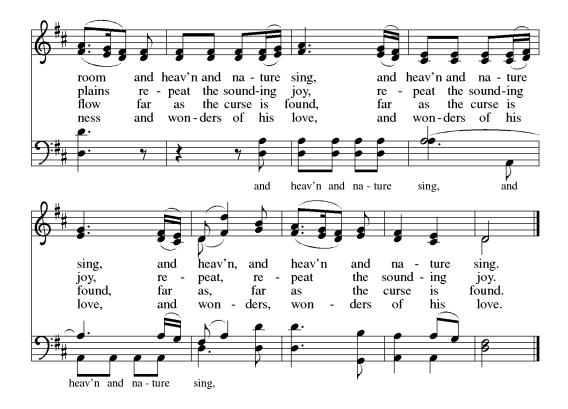
BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4) ELW 267





SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Break Forth Into Joy (from The Christmas Oratorio) J.S. Bach

FAITH CONNECTION

Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Coffee: Email Donna Aschenbrenner, wra@wi.rr.com to order coffee, including of the new Makumira Holiday Blend (\$19/bag); the high quality Peaberry coffee; or flavored or regular coffees. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10. Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz. bag is \$15.

COLLECTIONS & COMMUNITY CARE

Children's Coat Collection: Hawthorne Elementary School is one of our newest partners. A large number of the students at the school are low income. The school is in need of new or gently used jackets and boots. The children are 4K through 5th grade. Place your donation in the barrels in the Donation Center.

Food Pantry: Target is offering a way to vote for how they donate money to non-profits. If you are a Target Circle Member and make purchases, you receive votes for local nonprofits. Now through Dec. 31, you can vote for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County whenever you shop at Target. See the Target website for more info.

The Blessing Box is being filled several times a week. We are especially in need of foods to make a meal. Examples: cereal, instant oatmeal, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cleaning supplies, etc. Place your donations directly in the BB or drop off at church during office hours. Follow us on Facebook

Community Outreach: Please follow Ascension, Ascension Mission Outreach, and Ministerio Latino de Ascensión Waukesha on Facebook. "Like" "Love", Comment or share posts to help promote Ascension's ministries in the community. While we can't do our normal outreach, we can spread the word via electronic media and reach a broad population.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of Christmas week and next week. The church building will be open for donation drop-off next week Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Submit a Prayer

Submit a prayer request online ascensionelca.org/spiritualgrowth/prayers), by email to Tamie@ ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

Edwin Aparicio, covid Natalie Mustapich, covid Sandy Sadowski, fractured pelvis Steve Spieker's brother, Tim, COPD

On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Read the monthly newsletter.
- Watch or re-watch worship and sermons.
- Read blog postings with updated information about church activities.
- Donate online to continue to help us pay the bills and support our ministries. Many of our community and international partners are hurting because of the ongoing pandemic.
- Submit a prayer request https://ascensionelca.org/ spiritual-growth/prayers.

- Join other Ascension friends on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to watch worship together, virtually. Read the ealert and announcements about activities.
- Read inspirational messages from staff.
- Find out what's happening at Ascension.

