



Ascension Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 27, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol) (Michael Burkhardt)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 282

1 It came up-on the mid- night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

PRAYER

A: Let us pray... Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully re stored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE**Glory to God**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come, Little Children (German Carol)
(arr. Douglas Wagner)

Steve and Carol Spieker

GOSPEL READING

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentile and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING**Make Room (Hall/Maher)**

Family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a Child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow

The sleeping town did not know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior King who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

**Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story**

Shepherds counting sheep in the night
Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight
God has come to raise the lowly

You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory

Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

Mother holds the Promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight and the burden's light
For in His hands He holds tomorrow **(chorus)**

You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory

Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

PRAYERS & MUSIC**Make Room (Hall/Maher)**

Please sing after each petition:

**Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story**

MUSICAL OFFERING**Noel (Tomlin/Cash/Redman)**

Love incarnate, love divine
 Star and angels gave the sign
 Bow to babe on bended knee
 The Savior of humanity
 Unto us a Child is born
 He shall reign forevermore

Son of God and Son of man
 There before the world began
 Born to suffer, born to save
 Born to raise us from the grave
 Christ the everlasting Lord
 He shall reign forevermore (*Chorus*)

Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world, given for us
Noel

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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 OFFERING**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Go Tell It on the Mountain
(African American Spiritual)

Don Malchow

COMMUNION BLESSING

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Lord, Now Let your Servant

ELW 313

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

The First Noel (V. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 300

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain
 night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star where - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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.

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/spiritual-growth/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

Follow us on Facebook

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

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