



Christmas Day Worship

Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 25, 2022
10 a.m.

Worship Leadership

The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Altar Guild: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

Communion: Becky Pepper, Mike Tomchek

Usher: Dennis Mohr

PRELUDE **Festive Intrada on “Adeste Fidelis,”** *David Lasky*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful** **ELW 283**

GREETING

P: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **Angels, From the Realms of Glory** **ELW 275**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor Tony**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **The First Noel (v. 1)** **ELW 300**

GOSPEL READING **Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Ju-

dea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Go Tell It on the Mountain
African American Spiritual

Don Malchow

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter (v. 3)

ELW 294

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

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. Here at Ascension, we offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available.

HYMN

What Child Is This?

ELW 296

MUSICAL OFFERING

What Is This Lovely Fragrance?
French Carol, setting by Paul Manz

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Heralds Angels Sing
F. Mendelssohn, setting by David Cherwein



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