



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
3 p.m. & 5 p.m.



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Worship Leadership

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

The Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

The Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolytes: (3p) Eli Escobedo, Elsa Kinunen, Linnea Kinunen

(5p) Lexi Lytle, Grace Paczesny

Altar Guild: (3p) Gary Bauer; (5p) Joan Birner

Choir Accompanist: (5p) Kathy Johnson

Communion: (3p) Marge and Todd Schroeder, Jennifer Werner

(5p) Sharon Coralline, Linda Elder, Jim Hahn

Greeters: (3p) Jackie Bosanac, Natalie Mustapich

(5p) Sharon Coralline, Geri Leverentz

Instrumentalist: (3p) Jeff Britton, euphonium

Media: (3p) Buck Houston; (5p) Adam Boales

Ushers: (3p) Cheryl, Kurt and Scot Werner

(5p) Dennis Mohr, Aidan, Mike and Tom Rapp

Welcome!

We pray God's blessing on your worship this day. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors after service. Please see an usher for large-print bulletins.

Children Are God's Gift

We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby to give your child a chance to stretch their legs.

Schedule

Christmas Day (English): 10a, Wednesday, Dec. 25. First Sunday of Christmas worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 29.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed Dec. 24 - 27, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

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PRELUDE

Angel Songs, arr. Joel Raney
Go Tell It on the Mountain, arr. Molly Ijames

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

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*

PRAYER

P: O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless all who gather this night to celebrate your birth with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1) **ELW 289**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: (*sung*) Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 2) **ELW 289**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-14

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 Judea, 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!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sung*) Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 3) **ELW 289**

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please say, "Hear our prayer" after each petition.

SHARING OF THE PEACE**OFFERING**

O Holy Night, Adolphe Adam **Annemarie Wucker (3p)**
A Christmas Blessing, Philip Stopford **Ascension Choir (5p)**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

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. 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 AND CANDLES

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. We offer wheat wafers and wine, and gluten-free wafers and grape juice for holy communion.

SOLO

On a Silent Night, Jeff Britton
O Holy Night, Adolphe Adam

Jeff Britton (3p)
Annemarie Wucker (5p)

HYMNS**What Child Is This?****ELW 296**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
 Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

ANTHEM

The Bells of Christmas, arr. Moglebust Ascension Ringers (5p)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**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.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
 and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
 Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
 and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
 who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
 look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
 oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

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.

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.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL**Silent Night, Holy Night!****ELW 281**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Holy God, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, strength, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

SENDING

P: O, come let us adore him!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Merry Christmas!

C: Merry Christmas!

POSTLUDE

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



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Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

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- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mt. Meru Holiday Coffee Sampler: Consider Mt. Meru coffee for your last-minute gifts. Purchase directly from the self-serve coffee cabinet (leave the money in the office or pay online).

Year-End Donation: Please consider a year-end donation to help us finish strong. You can donate during the offering, on our website ascensionelca.org or with the QR code.

Offering Envelopes: 2025 offering envelopes are available. If there isn't a box for you and you would like one, please contact the church office, admin@ascensionelca.org.

Christmas Light Recycling: We are collecting broken or burned-out tree lights for proper recycling. Please place them in the marked bin in the Donation Center. Ascension's Creation Care team will recycle them.

Calendar

Tue Dec 24

3pm Christmas Eve worship S

5pm Christmas Eve worship S

6pm Nochebuena EH

9:30pm Christmas Eve worship S

Wed Dec 25

Church office closed

10am Christmas Day worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Dec 26

Church office closed

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Dec 27

Church office closed

Sun Dec 29

8:30am Worship S

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Dec 30

6pm AMEN CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Dec 31

Church office closed

7am AMEN zoom

Wed Jan 1, 2025

Church office closed

7pm AA WH



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