



# Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 10:00 p.m.



- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- congregation kneel or sit as you are able.



- congregation sings.

Congregation responds in **bold** print.

## *Reminders in Preparation for Service:*

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

**Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

## Pre-service Music



**HYMN:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - *Lutheran Service Book* #379

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As we draw near to the newborn Christ child on this night, we enter into the presence of holiness. Gathered around His manger, looking through faith upon His face, we are unworthy guests. Yet His very presence in our world testifies to God's love for us. He earnestly desires to bring an end to our struggle with sin that offends and opposes His Word. In His grace He grants us forgiveness of our sin. Confident in the love God has shown toward us through Christ Jesus, we confess our grievous faults before God and one another.



**Father, we humbly bow before You on this night filled with awe at Your great love for us. We know we are unworthy of such love because of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Yet in the midst of our failings and desperate need, You have given us the gift of Your only Son as our infant Savior. We give You thanks for sending the Christ child into our world demonstrating Your perfect love in action, as Jesus lived and died for us. Forgive our sin this night and fill us with the everlasting peace only You can give, as we continue to live in the reality of being both saint and sinner, dependent upon this Jesus who was laid to rest in the manger, and shed His blood on the cross. Amen.**

Standing in the presence of our Holy God, I announce His peace to you! The separation between God and man, woman, and child has been healed by Jesus Christ. He was born in our midst to give us Christmas peace. He died and rose to give us eternal peace. Bearing this news of God, I therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Christ child, announce God's grace to you and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**Amen.**



**INTROIT** (Liturgical text and Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6)

When all was still, and it was | midnight,

Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

**Why do the | nations rage**

**and the peoples | plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,  
against the Lord and against His a- | noointed.

**He who sits in the | heavens laughs;**

**the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**

Then He will speak to them | in His wrath,  
and terrify them in His fury, | saying,  
“As for me, I have | set my King  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

#### GLORIA PATRI (LSB p. 186)

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end.  
Amen.

#### KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
♫ Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB p. 187)

Glory be to God on high:

♫ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great glory.  
O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

♫ And with your spirit.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.  
Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to  
the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE +



Old Testament

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL VERSE



For unto you is born this day in the ci-|ty of David  
a Savior, who is | Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2:11)

(Alleluias are repeated.)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **CHRISTMAS GOSPEL**

**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "See Amid the Winter's Snow" - LSB #373



THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

### Gathering of the Offering

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the offertory we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +  
(*LSB* p. 194)

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

☪ And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

☪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

☪ It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (*LSB* p. 195)

☪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

### 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;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.


### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*LSB* p. 198)



 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Hymns during distribution



“Away in a Manger” - *Lutheran Service Book* #365

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” - *Lutheran Service Book* #366

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” - *LSB* #358, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15

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| <p>1. From heav’n above to earth I come<br/>         To bear good news to ev’ry home;<br/>         Glad tidings of great joy I bring,<br/>         Whereof I now will say and sing:</p> | <p>2. "To you this night is born a child<br/>         Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;<br/>         This little child, of lowly birth,<br/>         Shall be the joy of all the earth."</p> |
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| <p>4. "He will on you the gifts bestow<br/>         Prepared by God for all below,<br/>         That in His kingdom bright and fair,<br/>         You may with us, His glory share"</p> |  |
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| <p>7. Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,<br/>         And see what in the manger lies.<br/>         Who is this child, so young and fair?<br/>         It is the Christ Child lying there.</p> |  |
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| <p>9. Ah, Lord, though You created all,<br/>         How weak You are, so poor and small,<br/>         That You should choose to lay Your head<br/>         Where lowly cattle lately fed!</p> |  |
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11. Instead of soft and silken stuff  
You have but hay and straw so rough  
On which as King, so rich and great,  
To be enthroned in royal state.
14. My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
15. "Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has given!"  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

*(Please keep the lit candles upright at all times to avoid dripping wax.  
Pass the light by tipping the unlit candles into the lit candles.)*

HYMN: "Silent Night" - *Lutheran Service Book* #363

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| 1. Silent night, holy night!<br>All is calm, all is bright<br>Round yon virgin mother and child.<br>Holy infant, so tender and mild.<br>Sleep in heavenly peace,<br>Sleep in heavenly peace.      | 2. Silent night, holy night!<br>Shepherds quake at the sight;<br>Glories stream from heaven afar,<br>Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!<br>Christ, the Savior, is Born!<br>Christ, the Savior, is Born! |
| 3. Silent night, holy night!<br>Son of God, Love's pure light<br>Radiant beams from thy holy face,<br>With the dawn of redeeming grace,<br>Jesus, Lord at thy birth.<br>Jesus, Lord at thy birth. |  |

O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Amen.**

*The candles are extinguished  
and we go forth in the peace of this most holy night.*

## **Postlude**

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Christmas Day Service (Thursday, Dec. 25)

10:00 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 31)

6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

