

# Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 3:00 & 5:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church – Spicer MN



## Lighting of Christ the Light of the World Candle

### Entrance Hymn: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283 vs. 1-3

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, 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**

## Christmas Dialogue

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

### Hymn: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290 vs. 1 & 3

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

## Greeting and Prayer

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

*In Secret*

Faith Chancel Choir

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270 vs. 1 & 3

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!"

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**

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn: Away in a Manger

ELW 278 vs. 1-2

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Children's Message & Sermon

Pastor Katherine Rood

The Prayers

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love. **Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.**

Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age. **Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity. **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution

## Communion Blessing

### The Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1-14

*The minister lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lit candle is never tilted but is always held upright when giving light to another.*

## Hymn of Light: 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.

## Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father,  $\pm$  Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The candles are extinguished.*

## Departure Hymn: Joy to the World

ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room 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.

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.

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

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**



## Poinsettias given by...

Larry & Deb Knudsen – In memory of family

Kay & Ed Rauk – In memory of our parents

Dennis & Dawn Fries – In memory of Francis & Velma Fries & Iva Dell Gorans

LaVonne, Sonya & Dianna Erickson – In memory of Kenneth & all other family members

Harley & Jennifer Davenport – In memory of loved ones

Sharolyn Peterson – In honor of Parker, Ashtyn, Ollie & Elin

Guy & Jan Christianson – In honor of children and grandchildren

Carter Stenberg – In memory of Louise

Tom & Susan Lange – In memory of Tom's parents and sister

Pastors Tim and Shari Routh – In honor of our parents

Keri McLain – For Bruce Loftness

Beverly Tharaldson – In memory of Jeremy Tharaldson

Doug & Arlys Gronli – In memory of our parents

# Poinsettias given by...



Al & Carla Miller – In honor of our family

Roland & Judy Wohlin – In memory of our parents

Dean & Paulette Lindquist – In memory of parents

John, Katie, Jamie, Jessica, Josselyn & Jilonne Scheevel – In memory of Connie Scheevel, her parents Hugo & Margie Hillman, Phil Scheevel

John, Katie, Jamie, Jessica, Josselyn & Jilonne Scheevel – In memory of Bill, Judy & Brian Jensen

Cheryl & Jeff Johnson – In memory of our parents

Cheryl & Jeff Johnson – In honor of our kids & grandkids

Jim & Bev Kingman – In memory of Shelby Kingman & Shelby Jr. Kingman

Sophie Pederson – In memory of Jon Pederson

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Jill Rohman – In memory of Lyle & Lorraine Rohman, Joyce Sinn

Dave & Liz Eliason – In memory of Roy & LaVonne Eliason, Floyd & Orena Lien & David Lien

Myra Quale – In honor of and appreciation for the staff and our friends at Faith

Pastor Katherine & Les Rood – In honor of Jerrod, Nicole & Aria Quade

Pastor Katherine & Les Rood – In memory of all of our loved ones

Don & Sharon Johnson – In memory of our parents and brothers

Don & Sharon Johnson – In honor of Pastor Tim & Pastor Katherine

Don & Sharon Johnson – In honor of Tina

Todd & Jill Jackson – In memory of Carmon & Jon Jackson

The Finstrom Family – In memory of our grandparents

Steve & MaryAnn Gerberding – In memory of Rev. George & Isabel Gerberding

Sharon Willen – In memory of loved family and friends

Odetta Hanson – In honor of sister Shirley & grandson Grant

Brian Gieseke – In memory of Floyd Gieseke

Ryan & Kristin Allen – In memory of Elmira & Lyle Stageberg

Ryan & Kristin Allen – In memory of Rich Allen

Jim & Sharon Moore – In memory of loved ones

Bob & Jeanne Whitney – In honor of friends and family

Julie Hanson – In honor of Jon & Odetta Hanson from their family

Doreen Devos – In memory of Arlys Ousman

Paul Carlson – In memory of Leila & Gene Wenzel

Val & LuAnn Roberts – In honor of our parents

Val & LuAnn Roberts – In honor of our grandsons

Phil & Lisa Quam – In memory of Lorraine Walsh (Aunt)

Phil & Lisa Quam – In memory of Tammy Weinke (friend)

Dianne Hoffman & Family – In memory of Gene Hoffman

# You're invited to worship with us!

## WORSHIP DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

- Sundays at 9:00am (with coffee fellowship and Sunday School to follow)
- Wednesdays at 6:00pm – The Feast
  - Feast Meal at 5:15 (\$7 per person, \$28 family max)
  - Feast Worship at 6:00pm – Contemporary, family-friendly worship!
  - Education Hour at 6:30 (Seeds+Sprouts & 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation)
  - Choir Rehearsal at 6:45pm
  - LYF High School Youth Group at 7:30pm

## WORSHIP DURING THE SUMMER (Memorial Day – Labor Day Weekend):

- Sundays mornings:
  - 8:30am at the Stave Chapel with coffee fellowship to follow
  - 10:00am at Faith

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Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

*God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire, and share  
the love of Jesus with all people*

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