

A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2021, 8:00 and 10:00 pm



Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Christmas 2021

Dear Friend in Christ,

Good new of great joy, we will hear this Christmas season, and we pray that this joy, an amazing peace that passes all human understanding, fills our hearts to overflowing.

As we gather, though, in person or virtually, how challenging it can be to actually live and know that joy. Now we have an omicron surge, even a phrase 20 months ago we would not even have understood. The news tells us of continued violence, divisiveness, economic challenge, and lives are filled with questions about what the future might have in store. *Good new of great joy?*

We then hear, however, *To you is born a savior, Christ the Lord*. This savior is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. This same savior says to us, *I am with you always*. What hope we are given, our God will never, never abandon us. Our God is here with us, for us, loving us, guiding us. Our hope is right there in that manger, the greatest gift of joy and peace.

Thank you so much for worshipping online at Saint Luke. We invite you to join in worship and devotion regularly at www.saintlukeonline.us

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May you find new hope as you hear the words of the Christmas gospel, *I bring you Good News of great joy! To you, yes, to you, is born a Savior, Christ the Lord*.

Christmas Blessings



Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Noël

Organ Voluntary

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

He Is Born, Hallelujah!
Joy to the World

Reformation Bells

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

Variations on a Basque Noël

Organ Voluntary

Jean Bouvard (1905-1996)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Trio

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew.
He was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew:
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

All

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

5 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

3 And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

INVOCATION AND VERSICLES

Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1, 4, 14, and Luke 2:14

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given.
And the government shall be upon his shoulders!

And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God,
The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

In God was life:
And the life was the light of all people.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and of truth.
And we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.

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

The Lord 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.

FIRST LESSON

Saint Luke 1:26-33, 38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL

From Heaven Above

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
to bear good news to ev'ry home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing:"
- 2 "To you this night is born a child
of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
this newborn child of lowly birth
shall be the joy of all the earth."
- 3 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
through whom this sinful world is blest!
You turned not from our needs away;
how can our thanks such love repay?
- 4 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child,
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
a quiet chamber in my heart,
that you and I may never part.
- 5 "Glory to God in highest heav'n,
who unto us the Son has giv'n."
With angels sing in pious mirth
a glad new year to all the earth!

SECOND LESSON

Saint Luke 2: 1-7

And Mary gave birth to her first born...

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

What Child Is This?

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!

THIRD LESSON

Saint Luke 2:8-14

The angels visit the shepherds.

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!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard On High

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

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

FOURTH LESSON

Saint Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds go to Bethlehem.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFORMATION BELLS

Shepherds, Why This Jubilee!

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

CAROL

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

- 1 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, Christ the Lord!
- 2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing:
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

SERMON

Pastor Miller



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



when an - gels clove the sky with song and light
 the in - fant in their arms, and lat - er felt
 in flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pains,
 How else could I have loved you, O my God!



and God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might
 the wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled
 in bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain
 How else could I em - brace you, O my God!



Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but see Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but praise Im - man - u - el!

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who
with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We invite you to give your Christmas offering online at saintlukegive.us

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Music at the Offering

Before the marvel of this night
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky a part with light
And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
That fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Our joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown,
Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one son compress the love,
That rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love,
Sing love, sing God is love!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
A teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!
The love that we have always known,

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)
Music: Carl Schalk (b. 1929)

OFFERING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of grace has been given in the Son born for us,
let us pray for the church, the good creation, and the needs of all.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace and joy,

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Come down to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us,
for the sake of the one whose birth the angels sang and the shepherds proclaimed,
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us now as we pray the prayer he taught us:

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

CAROL

Silent Night

Part of our tradition at Saint Luke is singing Silent Night in German. Adding to this tradition is singing a verse in Spanish. Please sing the first verse in German then in Spanish. All will then sing three stanzas in English.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Noche de paz, noche de amor!
Todo duerme en derredor.
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
bella anunciando al niño Jesús
brilla la estrella de paz,
brilla la estrella de paz.

- 1 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.

- 2 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!

- 3 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

Let us carry the Good News this night to all the world.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1 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!"*

- 2 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*

- 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Son 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*

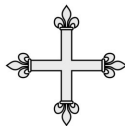
DISMISSAL

Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace!
Love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

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The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

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Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Edie Venit, *Director of the Reformation Bells*

Schola Cantorum

Reformation Bells

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD WITH THANKSGIVING!**

Bassein-Roy family in remembrance of Ken & Rhoda Mahler, in thanksgiving for Saint Luke's online services

James and Lorraine Bentley in honor of the Saint Luke Staff

Jessica and Doug Brauer in remembrance of Ken Messer, Mazie & Clifford Messer, in remembrance of Larry Burling, in remembrance of Eileen Ahlrichs, in remembrance of Gerald Brauer, and in remembrance of Desi & Vernon Avaux

Diane and Nick Castle in remembrance of Anita and Gordon Ward

Christine Ceder in remembrance of her husband, Robert Ceder, in remembrance of her parents Isabelle and Samuel Mohr, and in honor of her children and their families

Pam Collins, John Geiger, and Marcia Laundry in thanksgiving to God for the life and witness of their parents, Marcus and Peggie Geiger

Jane Curtin in honor of her grandparents

Susan DeHart in remembrance of Ken, Dorothy, Evelyn and Tom DeHart, and in remembrance of Pamela Bresnahan and Barbara Roberts

Alma Edgerly in remembrance of Rod & Thoma Petersen, in remembrance of Marie Edgerly, in remembrance of Mary Nuss and in honor of Ruth Manchester

Karen Evans in remembrance of James Evans

Amy, Jennifer, Andrew, Abigail and Matthew Farrar in remembrance of their grandma Lois McCabe, and in remembrance of our their Aunt Carolyn, Aunt Winnie and Marty

Ed Fenstermacher in honor of Erica, Thomas and Alex Fenstermacher, in remembrance of Cassel and Marion Jacobson, in remembrance of Harvey and Margaret Fenstermacher, in remembrance of Mike and Cathy Pine

Betty Fulton in remembrance of John & Dorothy Nutter

Beverly Gardner in remembrance of James and Margaret Shaffer, in remembrance of the Reverend David and Helen Shaffer, in remembrance of George and Gabriella Gardiner, and in remembrance of Jacob and Mary Kuzmich

Benjamin & Jen Gray in honor of Mark Hatcher, in remembrance of Viola Gallus, in remembrance of Jesse Hatcher, and in remembrance of Andrew Letcher

Albert Goergens, Jr. in remembrance of Evelyn and Albert Goergens, in remembrance of Margaret Leasure, in remembrance of Emma & George Goergens, and in remembrance of Florence & Alfred Pierson

Nancy Gurganus in remembrance of David & Alma Hudgel

Claudette Hamerski in remembrance of Claude and Emily Myers, in remembrance of Hugh and Cleo Hamerski, in remembrance of Mary Viands, in thanksgiving to God for their children: Andrea, Chad, Lauren, Larry, Valerie, and David, and in thanksgiving to God for their grandchildren: Justin, Colin, Brendan, Wesley, Emily, Nolan, Bradley, Grayson, and Alexis

The Heinbaugh Family in honor of Charles Heinbaugh and Millie Heinbaugh, in remembrance of Jack S. Heinbaugh and Frances C. Heinbaugh, in remembrance of Robert L. Heinbaugh and Gene M. Heinbaugh, and in remembrance of Charles E. Heinbaugh, Sr. and Lois L. Heinbaugh

Mary Kirk in remembrance of her husband, Edward, in honor of Charles & Elisabeth, Kathleen & David, Jennifer & George, and in honor of James, Maria, Sophia, Nicholas, Diana & Anthony

Marcia Laundry in thanksgiving to God for the life and witness of George and Audrey Mathieson, in remembrance of Marion Kahlert, and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of her beloved husband, Roger A. Laundry

Paul and Ruth Manchester in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Elbert Grant and Eleanor Elizabeth Manchester and the life and witness of Gilbert Frederick and Helen Rinner Garbisch

Sarah Manchester in honor of Paul & Ruth Manchester

Scott McKay in honor of Paul & Ann Karpiscak, in remembrance of Xavier & Jacqueline McKay

Pastor Miller in thanksgiving for the Saint Luke faith community and the Saint Staff Team

Gary and Ellen Miller in remembrance of Robert and Edythe Miller and Harry and Virginia Griggs, in honor of James, Katie, Alexander, Robert, and Ellamaija Miller

Amelia Nuss in honor of Gary & Ann Nuss, in honor of Ruth Moorman

Karen Paide in remembrance of Tonis Paide, in honor of Ruth and Paul Manchester

Jeffrey and Linda Pannebaker in remembrance of Merrick (Mac) Shawe, in remembrance of Benjamin (Ben) Davis

Bob and Lynne Petty in remembrance of Rodney Petty, in remembrance of Billie Walker Kastan

Sarah Province in remembrance of Philip Province, in honor of her daughters and their spouses, in honor of her eight grandchildren, in thanksgiving for the outreach ministry of Saint Luke

The Betty Reed Reber Family and The Harry Wayne Fessler Family in remembrance of Glenn A. Reed, in remembrance of F. Jean Fessler Reed, in remembrance of Randall J. Reed, in remembrance of Susan Diane Reed, and in honor of Jessica Dawn Reed Mortimer

Barbara Sanders in honor of Donna, Greg and Kate for their love and support, in remembrance of Aunt Nellie and all the dearly departed of the Marsh and Giessman families, in remembrance of Harry Lee and all the dearly departed of the Sanders and Vaught families, in honor of all who lead, gather and support each other in Women of the ELCA circles and Faith Connection "breakfasts"

Wilson and Nancy Shaffer in remembrance of W. Earl and Dorothy D. Bricker, in remembrance of Albert W. and Natalie S. Shaffer, in honor of Erin E. Shaffer and Susan Lee, in honor of Michael D., Kathleen H., Bridie, Tommy, Thaddeus, and Brendan Shaffer

Mary Shepherd in remembrance of her husband, William Shepherd, in remembrance of her parents, the Reverend Glenn and Mary Barger, in remembrance of Sister Josephine Gouker, Sister Dorothy Stalder, and Sister Mildred Winter

Linda Sherwood in honor of Chelsea and Jeffrey Sherwood

Carin Sprick in remembrance of Britt Rosberg a dear friend, in remembrance of Mona Carlsson a dear friend, in remembrance of Inger Palm a dear friend, in honor of grandchildren Jack, Isabella and Finlay,

Willard and Becky Unkenholz in remembrance of Willard C. and Marlys K. Unkenholz, in remembrance of Clarence and Elizabeth Keiper, in honor of Timothy, Christian, and Luda Unkenholz, and Rachael Maddox, and in honor of Dr. Alain Truche

Deborah VanBuskirk in honor of James, Thomas, sisters and families, and in remembrance of Engebret and Helen Midboe

Diane VanLonkhuyzen in remembrance of Robert and Doris Cross, and in remembrance of John VanLonkhuyzen

Karla Berg Walker in remembrance of her parents, Karl Joseph Berg and Jane Pach Berg, in honor of First Responders, Health Care Staff, Teachers, Scientists and all workers on the front line during the pandemic, and in honor of grandchildren: Kayleigh, Emily, and Nolan

Kyle Warfield in remembrance of Justin Warfield

Ralph Watkins in remembrance of Richard and Evelyn Watkins

ALL SERVICES ONLINE

December 24

Misa Navidad

Midnight

December 25

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 a.m.

December 26

First Sunday of Christmas

8:45 a.m.