

The Children's Creche Service

December 24, 2021, 4:00 & 6:00 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 at Saint Luke. We invite you to join in worship and devotion regularly at www.saintlukeonline.us

Kindly click here [Visitor Welcome](#) and complete the information. We look forward to being in touch with a word of welcome and hope.

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
Variations on a Basque Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
Jean Bouvard (1905-1996)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 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:

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

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O 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! *Refrain*

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

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

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 Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Christmas Story

MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

Saint Luke 2:1-5

Placing of the figures of Mary and Joseph

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
 and, gathered all above
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the king,
 and peace to all the earth!

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Saint Luke 2:6-7

Placing of the Holy Child

HYMN

Away in a Manger

1 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.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus;
 I ask you to stay
 close by me forever
 and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children
 in your tender care
 and fit us for heaven,
 to live with you there.

2 The cattle are lowing;
 the baby awakes,
 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.

THE ANGELS ANNOUNCE JESUS' BIRTH

Saint Luke 2:8-14

Placing of the Angel

HYMN

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.

What the gladsome tidings be
 which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
 gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?

Placing of the Shepherds

HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

THE PROPHET TELLS US ABOUT THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 40:11

Placing of the Animals

HYMN

The Friendly Beasts

1. Jesus our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around Him stood,
Jesus our brother, kind and good.

2. "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

3. "I," said the cow all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for His bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
"I," said the cow all white and red.

4. "I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

5. "I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed Him to sleep so He would not cry;
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.

6. Thus every beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Miller

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Pastorale on 'Gesù Bambino'

Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

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.

THE PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all, this holy night you have given us the greatest gift of all, the sign of your love, your Son, our light and hope, lying in a manger. You gave to us, now we commend these gifts gathered for your use. Fill us with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the determination of the wise ones from the east. May we always know the sure and confident hope we have in Jesus.

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**

HYMN

Silent Night

- 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!
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- 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.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joy To The World

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| 1 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. | 3 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. |
| 2 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. | 4 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. |

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Carillon of Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

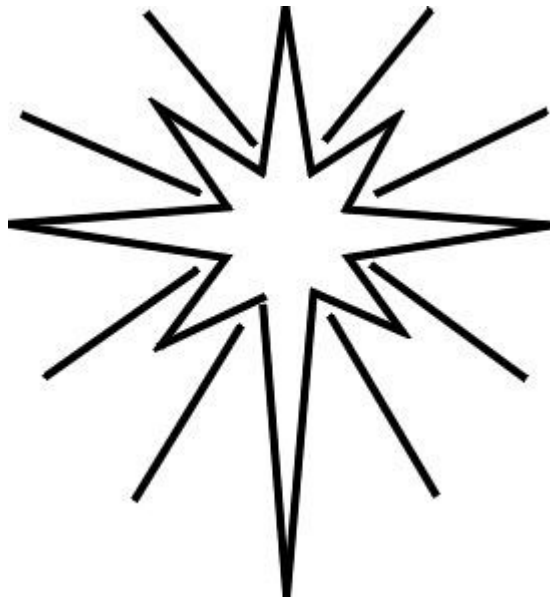
The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

MUSICIAN

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



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FOOD CARD DEDICATIONS
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

A blessed Christmas season!