

The Children's Creche Service

December 24, 2022, 4:00 & 5:30 pm



Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Christmas 2022

Dear Friend in Christ,

Joy to the World, we sing. The music resounds this season with great zeal. We lift our voices and proclaim a great joy, wonders of love, with hearts preparing him room.

Yes, *Joy to the world!* Then again, the war in Ukraine still rages, so many around the world flee for refuge and safety, children and adults, leaving their familiar homes for the sheer unknown. Also we hear of the triple threat of influenza, RSV and COVID, and we could add economic challenges, and continued divisiveness. Joy to the world? Joy to our lives?

Do you have a Nativity Scene in your home, or maybe see one this time of year? Let's take a closer look at that baby. Right there, in the eyes of that little vulnerable one, let us see our God. Our God is there. Our God is here, never distant. Our God has come to us, turning earthly models of power totally upside down. Our God has come as savior, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. No matter what, our God is for us, loving us, guiding us. Our hope is right there in that manger, the greatest gift of joy and peace. Yes, let's take a closer look – *Joy, Joy to the world*. Indeed.

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

Kindly click on the link, saintlukewelcome.us and complete the electronic Welcome, or fill out the card in your bulletin. We look forward to being in touch with a word of greeting and hope.

May we find a sense of inner joy and peace as we hear the words of the Christmas gospel, *To you, yes, to you, is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Christmas Blessings,



Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Offertory on Two Noels

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

WELCOME -

saintlukewelcome.us

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:

*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*

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

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

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

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 DURING THE OFFERING

(4:00 PM) Prelude on 'Greensleeves

(5:30 PM) Night of Silence

Richard Purvis (1915-1994)

Daniel Kantor

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.

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.

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!

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 on "Antioch"

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

MUSICIANS

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

(5:30 PM) Kayley Danser, *Alto*

(5:30 PM), Sarah Aderholdt, *Cello*

Readers (4:00 PM)

Maya Garnett, Kylie Royster, Tenley Obando, Maggie Gordon

Carriers (4:00 PM)

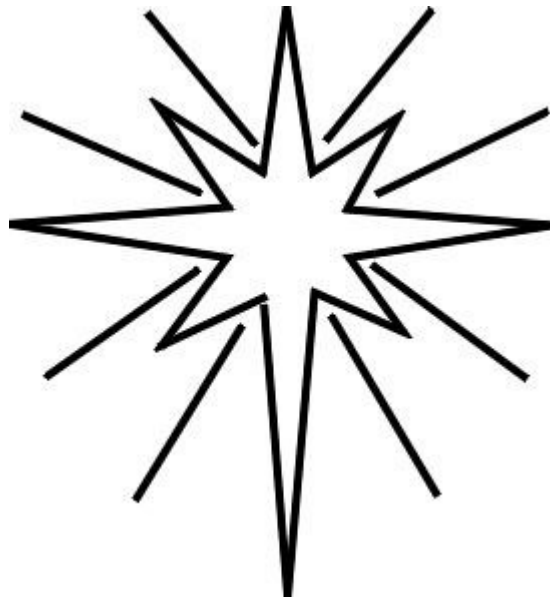
Tegan Royster, Logan Petty, Sarah Morales, Ian Obando, Cayden Petty, Jimena Hernandez, Jackson Bohl

Readers (5:30 PM)

Ry Cobbs, Zeke Piacsek, Jack Cobbs, Caitlin Piacsek, Rose Shomari

Carriers (5:30 PM)

Tessa Shugert, Ronan Shugert, Elise Kampia, Kenneth Thornton, Eli Sorrell, Ernest Shomari, Jonathan Thornton, Zeke Piacsek, Caitlin Piacsek, Henry Danser, Jaxon Sorrell, Stella Kampia





**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FOOD CARD DEDICATIONS
TO THE GLORY OF GOD WITH THANKSGIVING!**

Pastors Eleanor and Bob Abarno in honor of their children

The Bassein-Roy family in remembrance of Pastor Ken and Rhoda Mahler, in honor of all the clergy, staff and volunteers at Saint Luke, and in thanksgiving for the beautiful music at Saint Luke

Martin and Martha Bell in remembrance of Adrian and Lucile Propst, in remembrance of A. Sidney Propst, in remembrance of Grayson and Loretta Bell, and in remembrance of Elmer Norman Bell

James and Lorraine Bentley in honor of the Saint Luke staff and volunteers, in gratitude for Saint Luke online, and all who make it possible

Diane and Luke Castle in remembrance of Gordon and Anita Ward, Cleo Castle, and in honor of god-daughter Lucy Lindgren

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

Dee Clarkin in remembrance of Phil and Elaine Clarkin

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

Carol Crawford in honor of Christopher Crawford

Carol and Tom Darnell in remembrance of all their loved ones who now rest with the Lord

Anita Davis in remembrance of Benjamin Davis

Susan DeHart in remembrance of her parents, Dorothy and Ken DeHart, and brothers Ken, Jr. and Tom

Karen Evans in remembrance of James Evans

Carol Farrar in honor of Eloise, their beautiful new granddaughter, and in honor of Amy, Jennifer, Andrew, Abigail and Matthew

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

Betty and Bob Fulton, in remembrance of John and Dorothy Nutter

Albert and Arvilla Goergens in remembrance of William and Margaret Reinholtz, in remembrance of Albert and Evelyn Goergens, in remembrance of George and Emma Goergens, and Alfred Pierson

Matthew Grussing in remembrance of Wayne and Fern Anderson, in remembrance of Jim and Lorraine Grussing, and in remembrance of Jack and Jean Yeargan

Melissa Groen in honor of Saint Luke's Sunday School teachers, and in remembrance of the life of Karen Lieske

Nancy Gurganus in remembrance of David and Alma Hudgel, and in honor of Pastor Beth Platz

Claudette Hamerski in remembrance of Claude and Emily Myers, in remembrance of Hugh and Cleo Hamerski, in remembrance of Mary Viands, and in honor of her grandchildren, Justin, Colin, Wesley, Brendan, Emily, Nolan, Bradley, Grayson, and Emily

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

Charles La Duca in remembrance of Brenda Martin, and in remembrance of Marie Louise La Duca

Marcia Laundry, in thanksgiving for the life and witness of her beloved husband, Roger Laundry, and also in thanksgiving for the life of Marion Kahlert

Ruth and Paul Manchester in honor of their children and grandchildren, in remembrance of Gilbert F. and Helen Garbisch, and in remembrance of Elbert and Peggy Manchester

Sarah Manchester in honor of Paul and Ruth Manchester

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

Pastor Connie A. Miller in thanksgiving for the witness of the in-person and virtual faith community of Saint Luke

Ellen Miller in remembrance of Harry and Virginia Griggs, and Robert and Edythe Miller, in honor of grandchildren James, Katie, Robert, Alexander, and Ellamajja Miller, in honor of Alain Truche, Jeffrey Pannebaker, and Walter Edmonds

Bill and Kay Montgomery in remembrance of Matty and Mildred Matthews, Tom Alden, and in honor of Coralyn Colladay

Ruth Moorman in remembrance of Arthur Moorman, in honor of her children, Lisa, Penny, Anders, Abby, and grandchildren, Charlie, Eleanor, Avery, Finn, and great grandchildren, Emmi and Charles Robert, in honor of Ann and Gary Nuss, Amelia, Sharon, Ingrid, Tim, Holden and Zahra, and all who have helped her throughout this difficult time

Amelia Nuss, Sharon Nuss and Ingrid Pyne, in honor of their parents, Pastor Gary and Ann Nuss, and in remembrance of their grandparents, Alfred and Grace Hesse and Carl and Winifred Nuss.

Pastor Gary and Ann Nuss in honor of their daughters, Amelia, Sharon, and Ingrid, in honor of their grandchildren Holden and Zahra Pyne, in remembrance of their parents, Alfred and Grace Hesse and Carl and Winifred Nuss, in honor of Judie Pasquini, and in remembrance of Lyla Jydstrup

Ute O'Neal in remembrance of Cecil O'Neal, and in remembrance of Alfred

Yvette Piacsek in honor of the Dallenbach Family, and in honor of the Ziegler Family

Sarah Province in honor of her children and grandchildren, in loving memory of her husband, Philip Province, in thanksgiving for the ministry and outreach of Saint Luke Church, and in remembrance of all the saints who have gone before us

Barbara Sanders in remembrance of departed members of the Sanders and Vaught families, in honor of her son and "daughter," Greg Sanders and Kate Malloy, in remembrance of departed members of the Marsh and Giessman families, in honor of Pastor Nuss and the "Panerians" who inspire her every week

Barbara and Art Sensenig in honor of Navy Chaplain David Sensenig, in remembrance of Dave and Elsie Zimmerman, and in remembrance of Russel and Cathryn Sensenig

Nancy and Wilson Shaffer in remembrance of W. Earl and Dorothy D. Bricker, Albert and Natalie Shaffer, in honor of Erin Shaffer and Susan Lee, in honor of Michael, Katie, Brigid, Thomas, Thaddeus, and Brendan Shaffer

Mary Ann Shepherd in remembrance of her husband, William Shepherd, and in remembrance of her parents, the Reverend Glenn and Mary Fisher Barger

Linda Sherwood in remembrance of her parents, Alvin and Mildred Jeffers

Joyce and Bill Schultz in remembrance of Richard and Eleanore Braithwaite

Traude Smith in remembrance of Minnie Stamm, and in remembrance of Margaret Smith

Carin Sprick in honor of her children and grandchildren, in remembrance of dear friend Britt Rosberg, in remembrance of dear friend Mona Carlsson, and in remembrance of dear friend Inger Palm

Deborah Van Buskirk in remembrance of Pastor Engebret and Helen Midboe, in honor of Kathy, Mimi and Sue, in honor of James and Thomas and their wives, in honor of Adaline, JJ, Jayce, Marie, and the new little one coming soon

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

Sunny Vargas in remembrance of Larry McDaniel

Karla Berg Walker in remembrance of loved ones from the Berg and Walker families, and in honor of their grandchildren, Kayleigh, Emily, and Nolan Walker

Madeline Wetzlar in remembrance of Lynne Burns

A blessed Christmas season!

This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth
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 God favors!”

A blessed Christmas Season to All!



For more information about Saint Luke programs and
worship opportunities, scan the QR code or visit

www.saintluke.us

During this season of giving, thank you for your gifts for
the mission and ministry of the babe in the manger.

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