



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 1ST, 2023

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

January 1st, 2023

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Mark Brown-Kempenaar

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. ² The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

by Unknown, 18th century

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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O 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: [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

- p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- c **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.**
- p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- c **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen

p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

c Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

PRAYER

p Let us pray . . . Oh God , our Maker and redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us: through Jesus Chris, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Isaiah 63:7-14 ⁷ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD *And* the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, *And* the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. ⁸ For He said, "Surely they *are* My people, Children *who* will not lie." So He became their Savior. ⁹ In all their affliction He was afflicted, *And* the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; *And* He bore them and car-

ried them All the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *And* He fought against them. ¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, ¹² Who led *them* by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them To make for Himself an everlasting name, ¹³ Who led them through the deep, As a horse in the wilderness, *That* they might not stumble?" ¹⁴ As a beast goes down into the valley, *And* the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To make Yourself a glorious name.

Galatians 4:4-7 ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#712 What Child Is This?

Author: W. Chatterton Dix

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 oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through;

The cross He'll bear 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!

SERMON

Matthew 2:13-23 ¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Arise, take the young Child

and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." ²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES

Joseph lived by faith. Herod lived in fear. Jesus is the difference.

Jesus is the Son of God. When we know this and trust Him we live in His blessing.

#715 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Author: Jaroslav J. Vajda

1. Where shepherds lately knelt
and kept the angel's word,
I come in half belief,
a pilgrim strangely stirred,
but there is room and welcome there for me,
but there is room and welcome there for me.

2. In that unlikely place
I find him as they said:
sweet newborn babe, how frail!
and in a manger bed,
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.

3. How should I not have known
Isaiah would be there,

his prophecies fulfilled?

With pounding heart I stare:

a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,

a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

4. Can I, will I forget

how love was born, and burned

its way into my heart

unasked, unforced, unearned,

to die, to live, and not alone for me,

to die, to live, and not alone for me?

OFFERING HYMN 572:4

4. As Thy prospering hand hath blest,

May we give Thee all our best

And by deeds of kindly love

For Thy mercies grateful prove,

Singing thus through all our days

Praise to God, immortal praise.

PRAYERS - THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen

#713 Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

Author: Hans Adolf Brorson

1 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
And come Your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind
That we the way to You may find.

2 With songs we hasten You to greet
And humbly fall before your feet.
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night
That gave You birth, our souls' delight.

3 Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord,
To us Your constant grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart
That we may hold You in our heart.

4 Until at last we, too, proclaim,
With all Your saints, Your glorious name;
In paradise our songs renew
And praise You as the angels do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 1

9 am Worship Service
10am Clean up Christmas Decorations

Monday January 2

School Resumes

Tuesday January 3

7pm School Board

Wednesday January 4

3:40pm Confirmation Class

Sunday January 8

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19 7pm Annual Voters' Meeting

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Ryan Krueger, Kent Quade,
Dale Muehlenhaupt, Jake Kearns

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 2

Lynn Dumke, Keith Dickerson

Next Week Team # 3

Dave Dillie, Darren Dillie

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 48

General - \$ 9173.47

Missions -\$ 305.00

CHRISTMAS CLEANING

If you are able please stick around after church and help clean up the Christmas decorations.

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes available with the final nominees listed on the shelf under the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO FAITH

Some Christmas cards and letters that were sent to the congregation are sitting on the shelf under the bulletin board.

2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The application deadline for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 16th, 2023. Space is limited for this trip so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Rom. 6:1-11

Matt. 3:13-17

CALL NEWS

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, has received the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.



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