

Sunday, December 24, 2023— Christmas Eve

# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

## Christmas Eve Worship Service



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# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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## PRELUDE

Please stand.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## CHRISTMAS GREETING AND DIALOG

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

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

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

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

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

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

P May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## FIRST READING

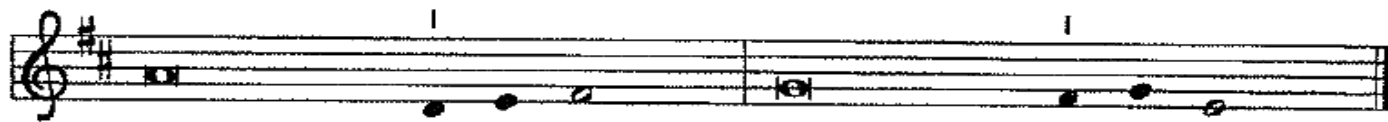
Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

# PSALM

# Psalm 96

*The Psalm will be sung responsively.*



<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song; sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised, more to be feared | than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence; power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing,**

**O LORD, for you come to | judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness and the peoples | with your truth.

## **SECOND READING**

**Titus 2:11-14**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

<sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

## **FIRST GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 2: 1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

# HYMN

# AWAY IN A MANGER

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

## SECOND GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 8-20

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Chaplain April Boyden

*Please stand.*

# HYMN

# ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Repeat*  
Gloria

in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo

Gloria in ex - cel - sis De - o.



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Glory to God in the highest,

**C** **and peace to God's people on earth.**

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

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

**P** Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

**C** **Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.**

**P** Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

**C** **Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.**

**P** Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**C** **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

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

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

## **THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**(We will remain where we are and not shake hands. A simple bow, nod of the head, or even small wave to one another will work to acknowledge one another.)**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

NOEL, NOEL  
Clifton & Erin Crawford

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

*We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus.*

*Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us. We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

GESU BAMBINO

Elizabeth Tomboulian

Ana Maria Tomboulian & Vauda Stanfield

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION

**John 1:1-14**

*The pastor lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World of whom John's gospel speaks. The usher lights his candle from the pastor's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

# SILENT NIGHT

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

# BENEDICTION

P God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen.

*The candles are extinguished.*

*When exiting church please return candles and holders to the boxes at the rear of the church. Thank you.*

# SENDING HYMN

# JOY TO THE WORLD

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reign! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor-row grow nor thorns in-  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev-ry heart pre-pare him  
songs em-ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fast the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings  
na-tions prove the glo-ries of his rich-teous-

room and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture  
plains re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and

sing, joy, found, love,  
 and re - peat, far and  
 heav'n, and as, won - ders,  
 and re - peat, far as  
 heav'n and na - ture  
 and the sound - ing  
 na - ture of his  
 sing, joy, found, love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## DISMISSAL

P Christ the Savior is Born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

For  
 unto us  
 a child is  
 BORN, unto us  
 a Son is given  
 and his name will be  
 called, wonderful, counselor,  
 mighty GOD, the everlasting Father  
 the Prince of Peace

*Merry Christmas!*

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Guest Preacher</b>               | Chaplain April Boyden |
| <b>Music Director</b>               | Elizabeth Tomboulian  |
| <b>Piano &amp; Carol Vocal Lead</b> | Erin Crawford         |
| <b>Psalm &amp; Special Music</b>    | Clifton Crawford      |
| <b>Altar Care</b>                   | Beth Wooten           |
| <b>Cello</b>                        | Vauda Stanfield       |
| <b>Viola</b>                        | Ana Maria Tomboulian  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>         | Katherine Stevens     |
| <br>                                |                       |
| <b>Lector</b>                       | Gail Fisher           |
| <b>Usher/Greeter</b>                | Gail Fisher           |
| <b>Live Stream</b>                  | Alexander Webber      |

## OFFERING

For your safety and convenience, an offering plate is placed at the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church/Lutheran Campus Ministry. Thank you.

## CHOIR

Choir returns on January 21, 2024 with rehearsal at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact our music director, Elizabeth Tomboulian, at [ulc.choir@gmail.com](mailto:ulc.choir@gmail.com) Thank you!

