

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve (3pm)



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

MINISTERS

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Every Member

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP+

OPENING HYMN: ELW 267 "Joy to the World" *

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - ELW 239 "Hark the Glad Sound" *

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word: God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching and song.

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 278 "Away in a Manger" *

*"Here [in the Scriptures] you will find the swaddling clothes
and the manger in which Christ lies." - Martin Luther*

GOSPEL READING & CHILDREN'S SERMON: see next page

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 296 "What Child Is This?" *

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING MOMENT & PRAYER

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Special music during communion offered by Sounds of Faith

Sending: God blesses us and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION (John 1:1-14) WITH CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG: ELW 281 "Silent Night"*

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 290 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

+ Call to worship is inspired by Isaiah 9, written by Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational in Rochester, NH.

READING(S)

First Reading: *Psalm 96*

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:1-20*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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.

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!"

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 Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for a **Blood Drive**, hosted at Faith Lutheran, on **Wednesday, January 8th at 4:30pm**. More information coming soon!

Please join us tomorrow, **Dec 25th, for our 10am Christmas Day Service!** We will have our **usual 8:30am and 11am services on Dec 29th**, and there will be **NO Worship on Wednesday, January 1st**. We will return to our usual Wednesday schedule of one 7pm service on Wednesday, January 8th. Look out in the Gathering Place for **sign-ups for Worship Assistants for Sunday, Dec 29th!**

The **restrooms** can be found near the Avenue C Doors. You can exit the doors on the right side of the sanctuary, and keep going straight. Before you get to the doors that lead out onto Avenue C, there is a hallway on your left. You can also follow the signs hanging from the ceiling in the Gathering Place, just outside the sanctuary.

We also provide a **nursery** for children 5 years of age and younger. It is right across the hall from the restrooms, toward the Avenue C doors. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and we ask that you please put the toys away when you are finished.

During "Silent Night," we share the light of Christ with one another. **Please tip unlit candles toward candles that are already lit. Battery operated candles** are available for young children and others who either cannot safely or prefer not to hold candles; please ask an usher.

We **thank you for your generosity!** If you would like, you can **give** using the baskets passed around during Offering, or give online using this QR code. You can also mail checks to the office. Our address is 1402 E Ave C Bismarck, ND 58501.



Message: Pastor Derek Harkins
Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Sounds of Faith

Ushers: Janica Sabot, Preston Brown, Jacey Brown, Troy Olson
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