## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

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## **♣ ORDER OF SERVICE**



#### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **EXHORTATION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **CONFESSION** and **ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **★ SERVICE OF THE WORD ★**

**INTROIT** *Ps 98:1-4; (antiphon: Is 9:6)* 

C For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

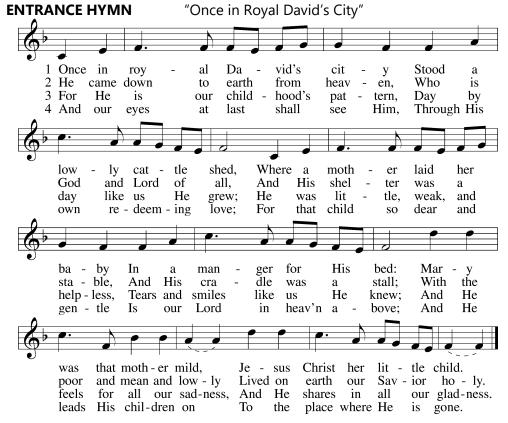
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.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.

(please be seated)



Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned,
All in white, His praise will sound!

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## **KYRIE**

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



## **SALUTATION** and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 52:7-10

(The Lord's Coming Salvation)

P The Old Testament Reading for the Nativity of Our Lord is from Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter.

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

	Rod	d Bauck, vocal soloist	
(2:0	00 pm)	"All Is Well" n Kiepke, vocal soloist	(Kirkpatrick & Smith)

(5:00 pm) "One Small Child"

Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

(7:30 pm) "O Holy Night" (Adam, De Roquemaure) Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

(David Meece)

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 1:1-6 (God's Son Reigns Supreme)

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, the first chapter.

- <sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
  - <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,
  - "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"?

Or again,

- "I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to Me a son"?
- <sup>6</sup> And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
- "Let all God's angels worship Him."
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

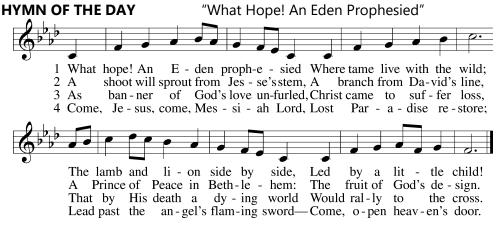
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#### **ALLELUIA**



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.
  - <sup>1</sup> 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 were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has 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 bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
  - <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
  - <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)



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## "Jesus, the Promise of Jesse's Tree" Pastor Sam Handschke

## **CREED** Apostles'

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
  - And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

#### **OFFERING**

Several opportunities are available for you to support your church and its ministry. You can simply place your tithe/offering in the collection plate at the door as you leave the service this morning, drop your offering off at the church office during the week, or log onto our website (<a href="www.faithluth.com">www.faithluth.com</a>) and click on the "electronic giving" link for giving electronically. Thank you for your support!

(Please stand)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Let us bring before the God of mercy prayers of thanks, praise, and intercession.

#### Brief silence

- P Thanks and praise to You, Lord God, for not leaving us alone in the universe, and instead coming to us as one of us. We thank You for promising a Savior to Adam and Eve, for promising to bless all nations through the descendant of Sarah and Abraham, for saving Your chosen people from slavery in Egypt, and for sending prophets to keep the promise alive when all seemed lost. We thank You that in the fullness of time, Your Son, Jesus, was born to be the firstfruit of Your new creation.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.

- P For pastors, teachers, and all workers in the church, and for all the people, that together we bear the fruit of the Spirit of Jesus: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For missionaries near and far, that the grace and truth of Jesus shine through their lives and multiply the kingdom of God throughout the world.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For the leaders of our nation, state, and local community, that they govern justly and faithfully, seeking peace and the well-being of the people they serve.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For those who serve in the military and for anyone far away from home on this joyous day, that the message of the Word made flesh bring them the presence of God in the midst of loneliness.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For those who are sick, dying, or mourning, that the Christmas message bring the light of Christ into all the dark places of our lives.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For all who travel during this season of family gatherings that they arrive safely at their destinations.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P For us who are gathered here to worship today, that Jesus, the firstfruit of the tree of Jesse, inspire us to bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P In remembrance of those dear ones from our midst who have died, we give thanks. As they now rejoice in the presence of God, grant that we one day join them with all the choirs of angels singing God's praise for all eternity.
- C On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us.
- P Hear our prayers, O Lord, both those we have spoken and those prayers that are too deep for words, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, given us this day to save us.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

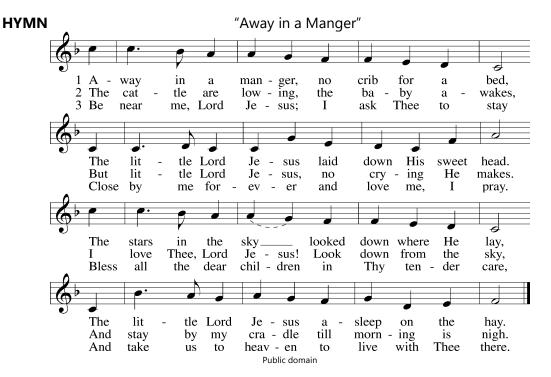
#### **CHRISTMAS EVE HYMN CELEBRATION**

- P We hear the Good News from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2.
  - (Following each section of the reading, we will sing songs of Christmas joy, echoing the sounds of the angels on that first Christmas night.)
- P In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

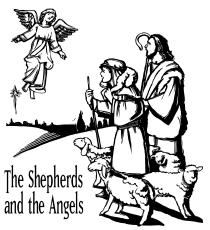


P And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



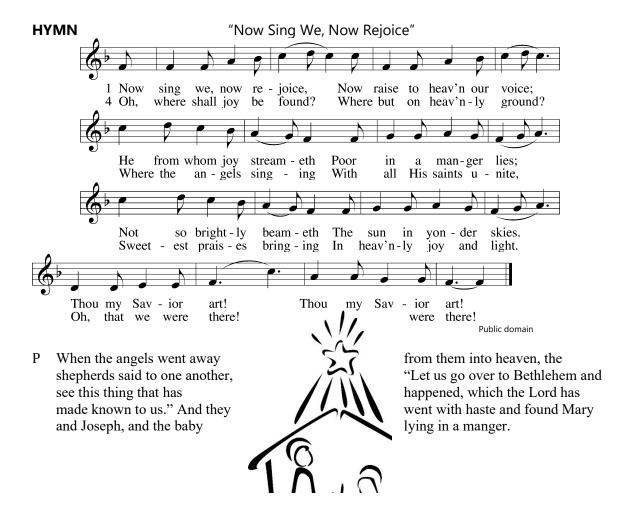


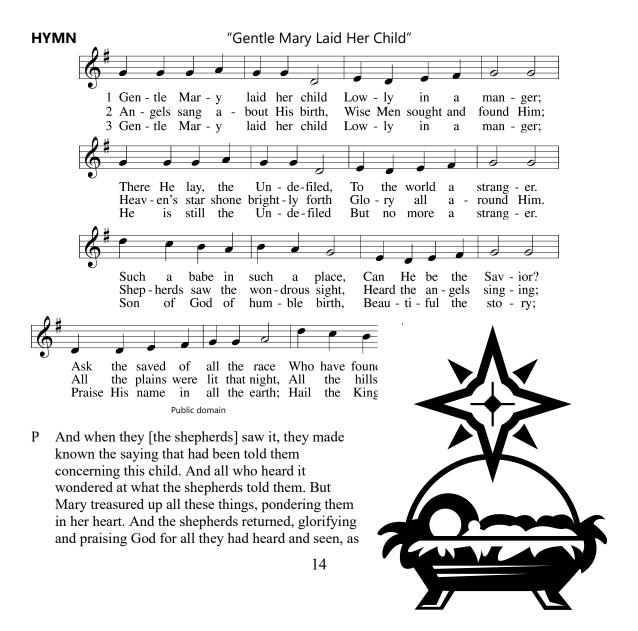
P And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."





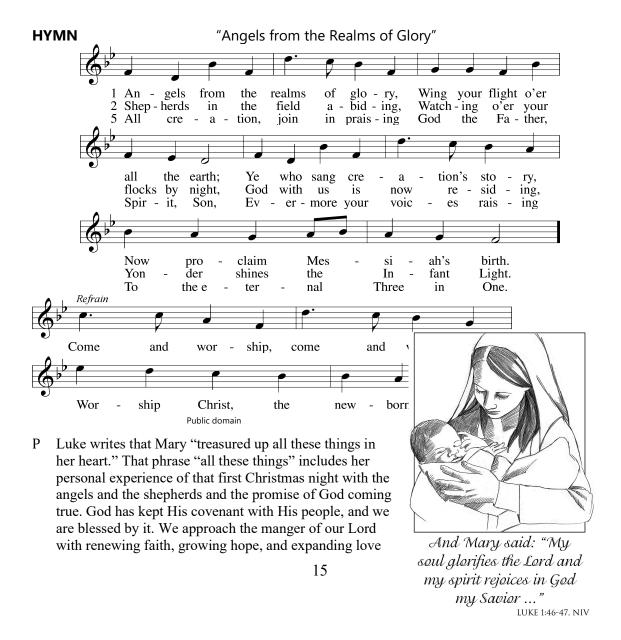
of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"





it had been told them.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



## THE LIGHTING CEREMONY

ANTHEM (11:00 am) "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song) (Grant/Eaton)

Deborah Matters, violin soloist

(2:00 & 5:00 pm) "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song) (Grant/Eaton)

Andrew Wulf, saxophone soloist

(7:30 pm) "Mary, Did You Know?" (Greene/Lowry)

Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

P God, who once said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, to give us the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.



#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

- P Let us pray. O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

**BENEDICTION**Numbers 6:24–26

- C Amen.



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## **Christmas through Epiphany Schedule**

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm

## **Christmas Day Worship**

9.00 am

## **December 27 Worship**

8:30 & 11:00 am

# New Year's Eve Worship – Thursday, December 31

7:00 pm

## Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 am

Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Michael W. Salemink
Executive Director of Mission and Ministry
Lutherans For Life

Rev. Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director-elect of Lutherans For Life in August 2015 and became executive director on January 1, 2016. He received a BA in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota, (2003-2005) and as associate pastor of St. James

Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana (2005-2015). Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married since 2000 and reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attend <a href="Immanuel Lutheran Church">Immanuel Lutheran Church</a>, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke.

## Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Epiphany Worship 7:00 pm



# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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In memory of Bob Shoup
In memory of Jerry Erbe
In memory of our Parents
In memory of Judy Chambers,
and Meade & Phyllis Barber
In memory of

Grandma & Grandpa Eisenbeisz
and Grandma & Grandpa Dunwoody
In memory of Ben Shoup
In memory of Shirley English
In thanksgiving for family
In memory of Brooks Monfore
In memory of Andy & Adam
In memory of my son, Richard
In memory of Kurt Neyhart
& John Sundahl

