



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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December 25, 2022

Christmas Day A Service of Lessons and Carols + GATHERING +

10:30AM

PRELUDES

O Little Town of Bethlehem

David Cherwien

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Neil Harmon

What is this Lovely Fragrance

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

ELW 282

verses 1 & 4

DIALOGUE

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that he sent Jesus

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Gracious God of Heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness - a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING	Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18	<i>Pew Bible pg. 1</i>
HYMN	On Christmas Night	ELW 274
SECOND READING	Micah 5:2-5a	<i>Pew Bible pg. 756</i>
HYMN	O Little Town of Bethlehem <i>verses 1 & 4</i>	ELW 279
THIRD READING	Luke 1:26-35, 38	<i>Pew Bible pg. 831</i>
HYMN	Lo, How Arose E'er Blooming <i>verses 1 & 4</i>	ELW 272
FOURTH READING	Matthew 1:18-25	<i>Pew Bible pg. 783</i>
HYMN	Peace Came to Earth <i>verses 1 & 3</i>	ELW 285
FIFTH READING	Luke 2:8-18	<i>Pew Bible pg. 833</i>
HYMN	Angels, from the Realms of Glory <i>verses 1 & 3</i>	ELW 275
SIXTH READING	Matthew 2:1-11	<i>Pew Bible pg. 783</i>
HYMN	What Child is This?	ELW 296
SEVENTH READING	John 1:1-14	<i>Pew Bible pg. 862</i>
HYMN	Love Has Come	ELW 292

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with ‘God of Grace.’ The response is ‘receive our prayer.’

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

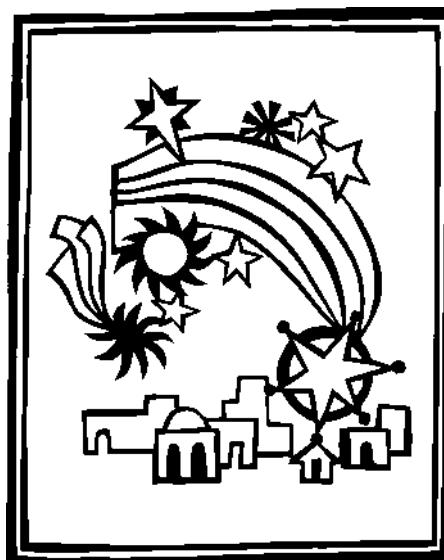
You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gesu Bambino

Petro Yon



MEAL

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray ... poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 107

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ELW pg. 108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise

... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

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

<*We sit.*>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

<*We stand.*>

THE TABLE BLESSING

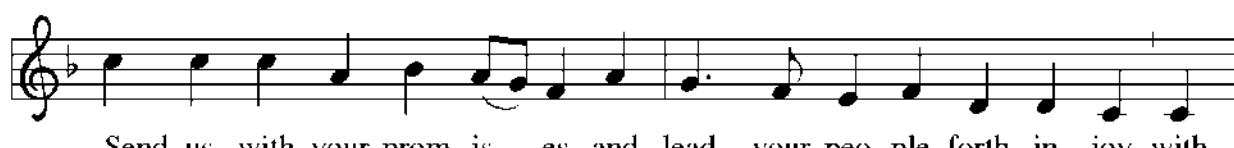
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The First Noel

Neil Harmon

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Worship Leadership

Worship Leader

Reverend Matthew Titus

Worship Assistant

Clint Harshaw

Organist

Huger Caughman, Jr.

Instrumentalist

Kevin Dove, flute

Video

Claire Grosshuesch or Annette Belcher

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Huger Caughman, Jr's. 45th birthday on December 26 by Huger, Anne, Kristin, and Dennis.

God's Abundance for All People is open to all in need from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which now also provides a meal (beginning at 11am). Redeemer has been helping quite a bit on the THIRD Saturday of each month, you are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday, but especially on **January 21, 2023**. Please contact Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS - Our ELCA Good Gifts drive runs through January 1, 2023! Come and purchase a gift that truly makes a difference in the world! Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact. The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Church Office Closed - In observance of Christmas, the church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, December 26. Thank you!

Congregation Council Officers for 2023 - On December 19, 2022 Church Council gathered and voted on officers for 2023. Here are our new officers

President - Nikki Chapman

Vice President - Annette Belcher

Secretary - Chelsea Ellisor

Treasurer - John Green

We give thanks for each member of council's willingness to lead and serve!



2023 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to households and members in the coming week. As a note - the number assigned to you this past 2022 year has more than likely changed for the coming 2023 year.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEK OF DEC 25 - DEC 31

Today	10:30 am	Worship
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday		
Wednesday		NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Attendance for Dec. 18, 2022

Sunday School	15
In-Person	61
Online	83
Total	144

Offering for this Week:

Needed Weekly - \$6,000.00

Received 12-18-22 - \$8,799.55

As of the end of November the expenses for the operation of the church has exceeded the donations collected by \$13,712.58.