



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Praise Team
 – Words and Music by Don Chapman, John Mason Neale, and Thomas Helmore
- “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” – Arranged by Don Chapman Praise Team
 – Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Rowland Pritchard
- “Rose of Bethlehem” Praise Team
 – Words and Music by Lowell Alexander
- “Away in a Manger” – Arranged by Steven Sharp Nelson Karla Fuhs and Kim Jones
 – Words and Music by William J. Kirkpatrick
 – Adapted by Kelly Angle
- “Joy to the World” – Arranged by Faber and Faber Anna East and Jennifer Langevin
 – Words by Isaac Watts; Music by G. F. Handel
- “Somebody Build A Manger” Sue McKinley and Kim Jones
 – Words and Music by Joel Raney
- “Three Ships” – Arranged by Andrea Dow Ella East
- “Do You Hear What I Hear” Matt Pillar and Kim Jones
 – Words and Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
- “Hallelujah Chorus” – Arranged by Faber and Faber Owen East

Wounded Healer

Jennifer Langevin, keyboard & vocals (Leader); Erika East, guitar & vocals;
 Mike Langevin, drums & vocals; Annette Hull and Matt Pillar, vocals.

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We are grateful for the worship leadership of Pastor Jimmy Collins today. As Pastor Jimmy Collins is not an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA or in one of the ELCA's full-communion partner denominations, he has received temporary authorization from Bishop Bill Gafkjen of the IN-KY Synod to preside at Holy Communion.

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN!

We're honored to have you join us as one of our Lord's guests this morning. As God welcomes us, we welcome you to this time of worship. We invite you to enjoy this continuing fellowship of The Body of Christ following the service.

SERVING FIRST THIS EVENING

Presiding Minister
Organist
Choir Director
Praise Team Leader
Accompanist
Crucifer
Acolyte
Lector
Communion Assistants
Altar Guild
Sound Engineer
Videographer
PowerPoint Projectionist



Rev. Jimmy Collins
Robin Gratz
Elizabeth Clark
Jennifer Langevin
Kim Jones
Ella East
Cassidy Griffin
Gordon Starr
Gary Forkert / Dave Stocks / Owen East
Pam King
Mike Langevin
Mike Langevin
Matt Pillar

FLC Staff

Robin Gratz – Organist
Elizabeth Clark – Choir Director
Kim Jones – Accompanist
Jennifer Langevin – Contemporary Service Worship Leader
Linda Trautman – Administrative Assistant

"Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to know Jesus Christ and bring Him to the hearts of others."



PRELUDE: “O Little Town”
words by Phillip Brooks; music by Don Chapman

Praise Team

GREETING

CAROL: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283

- 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!

- 2 The highest, most holy,
 light of light eternal,
 born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
 Son of the Father
 now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
- 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*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786;
 tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

Rev. Jimmy Collins

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

CAROL: “The First Noel”**ELW 300**

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a

multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SERMON:

Rev. Jimmy Collins

CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

ANTHEM: "Christmas Lullaby" – John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

*Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby lie there.*

*"Ave Maria, ave Maria:" Hear the soft lullaby the angels hosts sing.
"Ave Maria, ave Maria", Maiden and mother of Jesus our King*

*Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown.*

*What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.*

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P: All honor and glory be to God!

C: We sing God's song aloud and strong.

P: Blessing and thanks be to our Lord!

C: With joy unbounded we bring him ourselves and our gifts.

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 him thanks and praise.

P: The true gift of Christmas, our Lord Jesus Christ, has lived for us, died for us, and lives again for us. We stand forgiven through the unmerited love of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PROPER PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

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MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

“Adore” - Words and Music by Graham Kendrick and Martin Chalk

Praise Team

“Offering” – Words and Music by Paul Baloche

Praise Team

Please STAND as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY**CAROL: “Silent Night”**

ELW 281

- 1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Cantabile – B. Marcello



He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



Poinsettias given in honor and memory

Jenny Boggs & Jane Francisco

In Memory of Tom Francisco

Gary & Theresa Forkert

*In memory of:
Raleigh Illgen
Rollan Forkert*

Fuhs Family

*In honor of family and friends
In memory of departed loved ones*

Bill & Ann Haas

In memory of our parents

Pamela King

*In memory of:
Harold & Marie Alexander
Barbara Ridgeway*

Tom & Joy Lindsay

*In honor of:
The Social Ministry Team with thanks for your service
The Call Committee with thanks for your service
All our visiting Pastors for their support of our
congregation
Our FLC Staff with thanks for your service*

Tom & Sue McKinley

*In memory of our parents:
Ruth and Ray Brasmer
Willadean and Robert McKinley*

Kelly Shelton

*In memory of:
Gene & Inyl Carlin
Dennis & Hazel Shelton*

Gordon Starr

In memory of my loving wife, Jane

