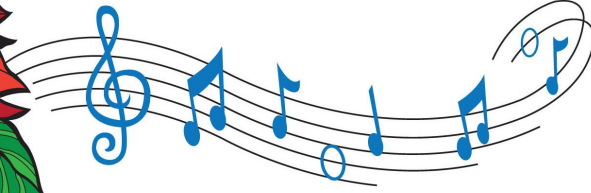




PRE-SERVICE MUSIC



“Prepare the Way” – Jared Anderson	Praise Team
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” – Charles Wesley	Praise Team
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – Steven Sharp Nelson	Karla Fuhs and Kim Jones
“Winterstorm” – Andrea Dow	Anna East
“Holly & Ivy” – by Andrea Dow	Ella East
“O Tannenbaum” – Vince Guaraldi	Owen East
“Calypso Lullaby” – Jester Harlston and Joel Raney	Sue McKinley, Christi Tam and Kim Jones
“Offering” – Paul Baloche	Praise Team
“Adore” – Graham Kendrick and Martin Chalk	Praise Team

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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

Interim Minister

Assisting Minister

Organist

Choir Director

Praise Team Leader

Accompanist

Acolyte

Crucifer

Readers

Communion Assistants

Candle-lighters

Altar Guild

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Videographer

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Jennifer Langevin – Contemporary Service Worship Leader

Linda Trautman – Administrative Assistant

Praise Team

Jennifer Langevin, keyboard & vocals (Leader); Erika East, guitar & vocals;

Mike Langevin, drums & vocals; Annette Hull and Matt Pillar, vocals.

Sanctuary Choir

Steve & Christi Tam, Terry & Linda Trautman, Bob & Lucie Stricker, Sue McKinley,
Pam King, Brian Jones, Gordon Starr, Richard White, Ann Haas

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



PRELUDE: “O Little Town”

Praise Team

– Words and Music by Phillips Brooks and Don Chapman

Introduction

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ’s birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, “Glory to God in the highest”. Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh – in Christ’s body and blood – so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

Stand as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the light of the ages.

C. Amen.

P. Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P. Comforting God,

C. have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God’s love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C. Amen

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

GATHERING 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 DIALOGUE AND GREETING

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.

OPENING PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

C. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Travis East

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

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

“O’ Little Town” – Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Don Chapman

Praise Team

PSALM: Psalm 96 – sung by the Sanctuary Choir

O sing unto the Lord a new song:

 sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name:

 be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen:

 and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great and cannot worthily be praised:

 he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, are but idols:

 but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him:

 power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord O ye kindreds of the people:

 Ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:

 Bring presents and come into the courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

 Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:

 and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved,

 and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

 Let the sea make a noise and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful and all that is in it;

 Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:

 And with righteousness to judge the world and the people with his truth.

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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.
 Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905

AWAY IN A MANGER
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Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Mary Ellen Wyman

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

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.**HYMN: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

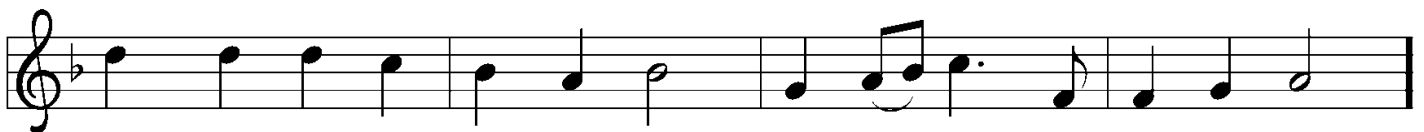
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



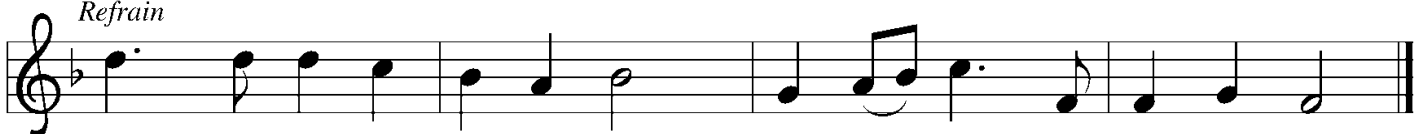
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king!”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

Third Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Lois Steeb

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.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.**CHOIR 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 angel 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.***Fourth Reading:** Luke 2: 8-20

Karla Fuhs

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 say, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace amount 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 how 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.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.**

Please allow the Praise Team to commune first.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Praise Team

“Come to the Table” – Ben McDonald, Dave Frey and Ben Glover

“Your Name” – Paul Baloche and Ben Packiam

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

C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

P. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 1: 1-14

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

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

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

PRAYERS:

A: Glory to God in the highest,

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

A. 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.

A. 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.

A. 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.

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

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

A. 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.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY**HYMN: "Silent Night"**

	<i>Stil - le</i>	<i>Nacht,</i>	<i>hei - li - ge</i>	<i>Nacht!</i>	<i>Al - les</i>	<i>schläft,</i>
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,



	<i>ein - sam</i>	<i>wacht</i>	<i>nur</i>	<i>das</i>	<i>trau - te,</i>	<i>hoch - hei - li - ge</i>	<i>Paar.</i>
	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,



	<i>Hold - er</i>	<i>Kna - be</i>	<i>im</i>	<i>lok - ki - gen</i>	<i>Haar,</i>	<i>schlaf</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>himm - li - scher</i>	
	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



	<i>Ruh,</i>	<i>schlaf</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>himm - li - scher</i>	<i>Ruh.</i>
	peace,	sleep	in	heav - en - ly	peace.
	born!	Christ,	the	Sav - ior,	is born!
	birth,	Je - sus,	Lord,	at your	birth.

BLESSING:

P. May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

P. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” – C. Ore



Poinsettias given in honor and memory

Jenny Boggs & Jane Francisco

In memory of:

Tom Francisco

Russell & May Francisco

Roy & Betty Bauman

Ed Boone

In memory of my wife Valinda Boone

Dick Finley

In memory of my wife, Virginia

Gary & Theresa Forkert

In memory of:

Patricia & Raleigh Illgen

Norma & Rollan Forkert

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In honor of our friends and family

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In memory of:

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Marie Huntington

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In memory of our parents:

Ruth & Ray Brasmer

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Pam King

In memory of:

Harold & Marie Alexander

Barbara Ridgway

Diane & Dave Parsons

In honor of children, grandson, and family

In memory of parents and brother

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In Memory of:

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Dennis & Hazel Shelton

Gordon & Lynn Starr

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The Tam family

In Memory of:

Steve Tam

Harold Steigerwalt

Paul & Carla Wolff

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