

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2024
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Prelude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ~ Keith Chapman, arr. Nathan Cleaveland

Welcome

Gathering Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ~ ELW 283

Christmas Dialogue and Greeting

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Prayer

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.

Children's Message

Anthem *Prepare the Way* ~ Brad Croushorn (All Saints Choir, 7:00pm)

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life
Thanks be to God

Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* ~ ELW 295

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
**Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."**
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.**

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem ~ ELW 279

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-7

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.

Hymn

Away in a Manger ~ ELW 277

Third Reading

Luke 2:8-20

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 the Lord

Thanks be God

Anthem

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel ~ arr. Dan Galbraith
(Grace Notes, 7:00pm)

Sermon

Hymn *Joy to the World* ~ ELW 267

The Prayers

*Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace,
and you may respond, receive our prayer*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering *The Best Christmas Medley* ~ arr. John C. Dare
(Hallelujah Ringers, 7:00 pm)
O Holy Night ~ Adolphe Adam (soloist Erin Reil, 3:00 pm)

Offertory Hymn *What Child is This* ~ ELW 296 (vs. 1,3)

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen

Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ~ ELW 282
I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ~ ELW 271
Twas in the Moon of Wintertime ~ ELW 284*

The Gospel of the Incarnation John 1:1-14

The minister lights a candle from the alter. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

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.

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!

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.



Blessing

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, Creator, ☩ Christ, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The candles are extinguished.

Sending Hymn *Love Has Come* ~ ELW 292

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Savior who has come into the world
Thanks be to God

Postlude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* ~ Keith Chapman

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Dear Friends,

I am so glad you chose to worship with us at All Saints tonight. May the coming days be blessed and bright for you and your loved ones.

You are welcome to worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We do worship in person and on Zoom each week.

If you would like to find out more about All Saints or would like to get together to talk about your spiritual journey, please call me at 505-898-3932

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin Schultz*



Poinsettias are given by:

- Mary Givler- In memory of Randy Givler.
- Lois Howard- In memory of Henrietta Nelson, Rick, Craig and George.
- Brendt and Karla Lux- In memory of Lux family members and Goudy family members.
- Ginny Cruz- In memory of Larry Cruz.
- Paula- In memory of brother David and husband Gary and in honor and memory of Ukraine's people.
- Deborah Disgrazzi- In memory of Gino Disgrazzi.
- Ginny Huenniger- In memory of Vi, Clarence and Rev. John Huenniger.
- Rozy Kalsbeek- In memory of Terry Messal.
- Karen Hyde- In memory of Tom Hyde.
- Karen Cellan and family- In memory of Ray Cellan.
- Pastor Kristin- In gratitude for the people of ASLC.



MISSION STATEMENT

As God's forgiven people:
We welcome all in Christ's love.
We grow together in faith and life.
We go out to love and serve others.



Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church!

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another. We recognize that each person is a unique creation made in the image of God and we commit ourselves to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to welcome them with radical hospitality. Therefore, we commit to the continuing work of anti-racism, liberation, and social justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of all people. This includes sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all who have experienced exclusion or abuse because of race, ability, body type, culture, nation of origin, or economic status. We affirm the sacredness of those who struggle, whether it be with addiction, physical or mental health, or the things that seek to divide us from each other. **Know that you are accepted and affirmed just as you are, no matter where you are in your lifelong faith journey.**

We believe that through our open welcome we all grow in faith and love, and we invite everyone to participate as volunteers and leaders in our community. We need each other. It is by being in community together that we know God is here.

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