



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

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December 24, 2020 | Christmas Eve
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm



Seasonal Preludes begin one-half hour before each service.
All of the recordings from Christmas Eve Special Music are available on the church website
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Seasonal Preludes – see insert.

Please stand and face the cross at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Processional Hymn LSB 379 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

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

Ref **O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

2 **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

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Invocation

- L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

- L The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
- C **You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**
- L For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- C **For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.**
- L 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 **Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Anthem

- 8:00pm **Trio** *"Silken Sounds"* | Jonathan Wegener, Rachel Wegener,
Bonnie Stottlemeyer, Olivia Connors Yang, Liang, Wentzel
- 10:00pm **Choir** *"A Christmas Proclamation"* Yannerella & Beall

- 1 **Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.** Refrain

ref **Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

- 2 **Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?** Refrain

- 3 **Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.** Refrain

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Psalm 110:1-4

- L The LORD says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

**C The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

- L Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

**C The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek."**

- 1 **Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**
- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**
- 3 **For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.**
- 4 **And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.**
- 5 **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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Salutation and Collect for Christmas Eve

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- L Let us pray. O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
- C Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge;**
- L through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Anthem

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| 12:00pm | Choir | "A Christmas Proclamation" | YANNERELLA & BEALL |
| 3:00pm | Choir | "Good News" | SLEETH |
| 6:00pm | Duet | "Almost There" Susan Jacoby, Rob Braatz, Olivia Connors | SMITH |
| 8:00pm | Bell Choir | "From Heaven above to Earth I Come" | ARR. DELANCY |
| 10:00pm | Bell Choir | "From Heaven above to Earth I Come" | ARR. DELANCY |

Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Hymn LSB 386

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

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| <p>1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!</p> <p>2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!</p> | <p>3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!</p> <p>4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!</p> |
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Reading 1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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| <p>1 On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
 News of great joy, news of great mirth,
 News of our merciful King's birth.</p> <p>2 Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
 When from our sin He set us free,
 All for to gain our liberty?</p> | <p>3 When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
 Angels and men with joy may sing,
 All for to see the newborn King.</p> <p>4 All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
 "Glory to God and peace to men
 Now and forevermore. Amen."</p> |
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Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son.

And he called his name Jesus.

Offering -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.

Anthem

12:00pm	Duet	"Almost There" Susan Jacoby, Rob Braatz, Olivia Connors	SMITH
3:00pm	Solo	"Mary Did You Know" Stan Partlow & Kurt Proegler	GREEN & LOWRY
6:00pm	Solo	"Mary Did You Know" Stan Partlow & Kurt Proegler	GREEN & LOWRY
8:00pm	Choir	"Gentle Mary"	ARR. BUSAROW
10:00pm	Choir	"Gentle Mary"	ARR. BUSAROW

Hymn LSB 359

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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| 1 | Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night. | 3 | This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load. |
| 2 | Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night. | 4 | O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day. |

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Reading Titus: 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain**

ref **Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**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 the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain**

**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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.**

Refrain

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Reading Luke 2:1-20

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. 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.

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." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude 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!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Anthem

12:00pm	Solo	<i>"It Came upon a Midnight Clear"</i> Wegener Family & Cathy Armstrong	SEARS & WILLIS
3:00pm	Solo	<i>"Let All Mortal Flesh"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	ARR. ORTEGA & SCHREINER
6:00pm	Worship Team	<i>"All Is Well"</i>	SMITH
8:00pm	Bell Choir	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	ARR. LARSON
10:00pm	Solo	<i>"O Holy Night"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	ARR. ADAM

Sermon

"Remembered" based on Luke 2:1-20

Hymn LSB 384

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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| <p>1 Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.</p> <p>2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.</p> <p>3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.</p> | <p>4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.</p> <p>△5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.</p> |
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Reading John 1:1-13

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Candle Lighting

Please tilt unlit candle toward lit candle. Please assist children.

Hymn LSB 363

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Collect for Christmas Midnight

- L 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Inside the hymnal back cover.

**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.**

Reading John 1:14-18

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. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Benediction

P Now may this Light of the world shine in your hearts;
May you be His light in your corner of the world;
And as His light, may you experience and share...
...the living hope of the prophets,
...the adoring love of Mary,
...the humble obedience of Joseph,
...the simple joy of the shepherds,
...the reverent devotion of the Magi,
...and the lasting peace of the Christ Child.
And may this precious gift fill your hearts and minds with love and joy, today and always.

C Amen. Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.

Please extinguish candles and hold them upright while the wax hardens.

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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Postlude

12:00 & 3:00 pm	<i>Fanfare and Toccata on "Joy to the World"</i>	JANZER
6:00pm Worship Team	<i>"Hymn of Joy"</i>	ARR. TOMLIN
8:00 & 10:00pm	<i>Fanfare and Toccata on "Joy to the World"</i>	JANZER

I remember it all as I lay down my head in death.

*I remember when the angel came and told me, and my heart burst with joy
and terror.*

*I remember when I came to the door of Zechariah's house and Elizabeth
knew my secret and my heart melted and my eyes burned with tears and my
mouth prophesied.*

*I remember when I felt Your movement first inside my body, and I realized
that I was the living ark of the living God.*

*I remember when first I saw Your face, and touched Your hands, and looked
into my Joseph's eyes.*

*I remember when they came creeping in to see You, to worship You, the
shepherds of the night, and told me of angel songs and glory in the highest
and peace on earth.*

*I remember when we brought You to the temple and the old man took You in
his arms and blessed God, ready to die, and told me of pain yet to come.*

*I remember when they came from the East, and as I held You, they bowed
before you and gave their gifts—the gold, the incense, and the myrrh, while the
star's light shone upon us.*

*I remember when he woke me and we fled into the night ahead of the terror
of Herod's sword.*

*I remember when we came home at last, and people looked and talked, but
You were all our joy.*

*I remember when You stayed behind, when You left us, and we found You in
the temple and my heart rose up in fear, realizing that You chose to abide in
the place of sacrifice and death.*

*I remember when You spoke to me in roughness and yet made the water into
wine.*

*I remember when we came to make You take Your rest, and You taught me
that all these in need were dear to You as Your own family.*

*I remember when they took You, tortured You, and crucified You; before my
eyes rose up the memory of the old man in the temple—his words haunted me
still—and as I watched You dying it was as if a sword ran me through.*

*I remember when You looked on the beloved one and me and gave us to each
other for all our days.*

*I remember when the light died in Your eyes and my heart sank beyond tears
and words.*

*I remember after the empty days when they came and told me that You lived
again, and joy flooded my heart, and I knew then what I had always known—
Your every promise was true.*

*I remember when we prayed together after You had gone into heaven and the
Spirit came in wind and flame.*

*I remember how they went and told the news to all the world. And I
welcomed each new believer as my beloved child, a brother of my Son, the
King of all.*

I remember it all.

*My Son, now as I die, I am not afraid. I go to You, to You who has
conquered death, to You who is the forgiveness of all sins. Receive me, child.
Receive me.*

I remember. I remember. I remember.

-St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord



December 24, 2020 | Christmas Eve Special Music

*Seasonal Preludes begin one-half hour before each service.
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12:00pm Prelude Music

Piano	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Eithun
Choir	<i>"Good News"</i>	Sleeth
Solo	<i>"O Savior Sweet"</i> Susan Jacoby & Cathy Armstrong	Baker
Choir	<i>"Gentle Mary"</i>	arr. Busarow
Trio	<i>"Silken Sounds"</i> Jonathan Wegener, Rachel Wegener, Bonnie Stottlemeyer, Olivia Connors	Yang, Liang, Wentzel
Solo	<i>"Now Sing We Now Rejoice"</i> Caleb Worrall & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Wenzel
Solo	<i>"Mary Did You Know"</i> Stan Partlow & Kurt Proegler	Green & Lowry
Piano	<i>"Of the Father's Love Begotten"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Lucas
Solo	<i>"O Holy Night"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Adam
Organ	<i>"In dulci júbilo"</i> BWV 751	Bach

3:00pm Prelude Music

Piano	<i>"We Three Kings"</i> Levi Reedy with Olivia Connors	Hopkins & Parsons
Duet	<i>"Almost There"</i> Susan Jacoby, Rob Braatz, Olivia Connors	Smith
Choir	<i>"Gentle Mary"</i>	arr. Busarow
Solo	<i>"O Holy Night"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Adam
Trio	<i>"Silken Sounds"</i> Jonathan Wegener, Rachel Wegener, Bonnie Stottlemyer, Olivia Connors	Yang, Liang, Wentzel
Solo	<i>"Now Sing We Now Rejoice"</i> Caleb Worrall & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Wenzel
Piano	<i>"Stille Nacht"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Porter & Carlson
Solo	<i>"Away in a Manger Medley"</i> Robin Nakkula	Spilman, Murray, Kirkpatrick
Choir	<i>"A Christmas Proclamation"</i>	Yannerella & Beall
Organ	<i>"In dulci júbilo" BWV 751</i>	Bach

6:00pm Prelude Music

Solo	<i>"O Savior Sweet"</i> Susan Jacoby & Cathy Armstrong	Baker
Choir	<i>"A Christmas Proclamation"</i>	Yannerella & Beall
Solo	<i>"Let All Mortal Flesh"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Ortega & Schreiner
Piano	<i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Keveren
Choir	<i>"Good News"</i>	Sleeth
Piano	<i>"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Lucas
Solo	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i> Robin Nakkula	Spilman, Murray, Kirkpatrick
Solo	<i>"Down in Yon Forest "</i> Robin Nakkula	Vaughan Williams, Noad
Solo	<i>"Hush My Babe"</i> Robin Nakkula	arr. Nakkula
Worship Team	<i>"Christmas Offering"</i>	Baloche

8:00pm Prelude Music

Duet	<i>"Almost There"</i> Susan Jacoby, Rob Braatz, Olivia Connors	Smith
Choir	<i>"Good News"</i>	Sleeth
Solo	<i>"Let All Mortal Flesh"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Ortega & Schreiner
Solo	<i>"It Came upon a Midnight Clear"</i> Wegener Family & Cathy Armstrong	Sears & Willis
Solo	<i>"Now Sing We Now Rejoice"</i> Caleb Worrall & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Wenzel
Solo	<i>"Ave Maria"</i> Robin Nakkula	Schubert, Almeida, Nakkula
Solo	<i>"Straw against the Chill"</i> Robin Nakkula	Franke
Bell choir	<i>"He Is Born"</i>	Larson
Organ	<i>"In dulci júbilo" BWV 751</i>	Bach

10:00pm Prelude Music

Piano	<i>"The Holly and the Ivy"</i> Samantha Furr with Olivia Connors	arr. Hague & Parsons
Choir	<i>"Good News"</i>	Sleeth
Solo	<i>"O Savior Sweet"</i> Susan Jacoby & Cathy Armstrong	Baker
Piano	<i>"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Carter
Solo	<i>"Let All Mortal Flesh"</i> Gretchen Rutz & Cathy Armstrong	arr. Ortega & Schreiner
Trio	<i>"Silken Sounds"</i> Jonathan Wegener, Rachel Wegener, Bonnie Stottlemyer, Olivia Connors	Yang, Liang, Wentzel
Solo	<i>"Mary Did You Know"</i> Stan Partlow & Kurt Proegler	Green & Lowry
Piano	<i>"Lully Lullay Thou Tiny Child"</i> Kurt Proegler	arr. Wilhelmi
Bell choir	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	arr. Larson
Bell choir	<i>"He Is Born"</i>	Larson
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All Is Well | sung by the Worship Team | Smith

All is well all is well
Angels and men rejoice
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light
Sing alle sing alleluia
All is well all is well
Let there be peace on earth
Christ is come go and tell
That He is in the manger
Sing alle sing alleluia
All is well all is well
Lift up your voice and sing
Born is now Emmanuel
Born is our Lord and Savior
Sing alleluia sing alleluia
All is well

Almost There | duet sung by Susan Jacoby, Rob Braatz, with Olivia Connors

Mary, full of innocence
Carrying the Holy prince
You're almost there, you're almost there
Mother of the Living Word
Trusting in the voice you heard
You're almost there, you're almost there
You're almost where the angels see
Redemption's plan unfolding
All hope is in the Son you'll bear
You're almost there
A lonely road, a willing heart
Pray for strength to do your part
You're almost there, you're almost there
Trust the Father to provide
Bread of heaven prophesied
You're almost there, you're almost there
You're almost where the waiting ends
Delivering the life within
The answered prayer, Emmanuel
You're almost there
You're almost where the journey ends
Where death will die and life begins
The answered prayer, Emmanuel
You're almost, almost there
You're almost where the waiting ends
Delivering the life within
The answered prayer, Emmanuel
You're almost there
You're almost where the journey ends
Where death will die and life begins
The answered prayer, Emmanuel
You're almost there

Angels We Have Heard on High | Bell Choir | arr. Larson

Ave Maria | sung by Robin Nakkula | Traditional prayer in Latin Music by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Arranged by Laurindo Almeida and Robin Nakkula

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus fructus ventris Jesus.

Ave Maria
Mater Dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae
(Amen)

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death,
(Amen)

Away In A Manger | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Eithun

Away In A Manger | sung by Robin Nakkula | Arr.Spilman, Murray, Kirkpatrick

Away in a manger no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there
Away in a manger no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Christmas Offering | sung by the Worship Team | Baloché

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You
The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
Oh Lord I bring and offering to You

A Christmas Proclamation! | sung by small group choir | Yannerella/Beall

Hear the news that Jesus is born! Alleluia! Alleluia!
On this wondrous Christmas morn! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hear the news, ye people and sing! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come with joy to welcome the King! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lowly shepherds gather 'round Him
Kneeling there to worship and pray.
Eastern Kings are glad to have found Him
They have long awaited this day!

Hear the news of manger and man! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is born, the Path and the Plan! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Lucas

Down In Yon Forest | sung by Robin Nakkula

Traditional English lyrics & melody collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
in the Oxford Book of Carols. Arranged by Frederick M Noad (1929-2001)

Down in yon forest there stands a hall:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
It's covered all over with purple and pall
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

In that hall there stands a bed:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
It's covered all over with scarlet so red:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed-side there lies a stone:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Under that bed there runs a flood:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
The one half runs water, the other runs blood:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed's foot there grows a thorn:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Which ever blows blossom since he was born:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Over that bed the moon shines bright:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Denoting our Saviour was born this night:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Fanfare and Toccata on “Joy to the World” | organ: Olivia Connors | Janzer

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come | Bell Choir | arr. Delancy

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child | sung by small group choir | Cook/Arr. Busarow

1. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined, to the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place, Can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.
2. Angels sang about his birth, Wise men sought and found him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.
3. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger.
He is still the Undefined, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail! the King of Glory!

Good News | sung by small group choir | Sleuth

Good news! Good News! News of great joy!
For unto us in Bethlehem is born now a boy!
Good News! Good News! Joyfully sing!
For unto us in Bethlehem is cradled a King!

Come, come, be of good cheer!
Christ our Savior is here!
Good news! Good News! Welcome the morn!
for unto us in Bethlehem, Lord Jesus is born!

Good news! Good News! Welcome the morn!
For unto us in Bethlehem, Lord Jesus is born!

He Is Born | Bell Choir | Larson

The Holly and the Ivy | Piano: Samantha Furr with Olivia Connors | arr. Hague & Parsons

Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber | sung by Robin Nakkula | Traditional Christmas Carol
Arranged by Robin Nakkula

Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed;
Heav'nly blessings without number,
Gently stealing on thy head.

How much better art thou attended,
Than the Son of God could be;
When from heaven He descended,
And became a child like thee.

Soft and easy is thy cradle,
Coarse and hard the Savior lay:
When His birthplace was a stable,
And His softest bed was hay.

Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed;
Heav'nly blessings without number,
Gently stealing on thy head.

Hymn of Joy | sung by the Worship Team | arr. Tomlin

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Your love has come here to dwell

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee *Chorus 2x*

Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life *Chorus 2x*

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It Came Upon The Midnight Clear | sung by the Wegener Family with Cathy Armstrong
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1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men From heav'ns all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful sings unfurl'd;
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
3. O ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.
4. For lo, the days have come to pass, By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God's ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | sung by Gretchen Rutz with Cathy Armstrong
French Carol/ Arr. Ortega And Schreiner

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish! As the darkness clears away.

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Carter

Lully Lullay Thou Tiny Child | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Wilhelmi

Mary Did You Know | sung by Stan Partlow with Kurt Proegler | Green & Lowry

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?
Mary, did you know?

The blind will see,
The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am?

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice | sung by Vicar Caleb Worrall with Cathy Armstrong
In Dulci Jubilo/German Melody, 14th C. Arr. Eberhard Wenzel

1. Now sing we, Now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
2. Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

O Come All Ye Faithful | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Keveren

O Holy Night | sung by Gretchen Rutz with Cathy Armstrong | Adolphe Adam

1. O holy night - the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope - the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night O night divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land.

The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

He knows our need, Our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King. Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

3. Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;

Christ is the Lord, Oh praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

O Savior Sweet | sung by Susan Jacoby with Cathy Armstrong | J.S.Bach/ Arranged Philip Baker

1. O Savior sweet, O Savior mild, who came to earth a little child:
Who brings God's love to us today
and stays with us to guide our way.
O Savior sweet, O Savior mild.
2. O Savior sweet, O Savior dear, the Father's love has brought you here.
From heaven above you came to earth,
with joy we celebrate your birth,
O Savior sweet, O Savior dear.
3. O Savior sweet, O Savior kind., the way to serve you we would find.
The gifts we have all come from you,
O keep us always kind and true.
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind.

Of the Father's Love Begotten | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Lucas

Silken Sounds | trio: sung by Jonathan Wegener, Rachel Wegener, Bonnie Stottlemyer
with Olivia Connors | Jin-Qui Yang/Qi-Fang Liang Tr M. Wint/ Arranged Brian Wentzel

Midnight stars make bright the skies,
Bethlehem in slumber lies:
glistening heav'n sends forth a great light,
shepherds see a wondrous sight!

Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

Angel ranks in chorus sing.
Silken sounds from heaven ring.
Frightened shepherds hear them say:
"Christ is born on earth today!"

Glory be to God on high blest are all beneath the sky.

Midnight slumber lies o'er all.
One long bright lamp lights the stall.
Choose old clothing, wrap him warmly,
manger shall his cradle be.

Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

Born to save us from our sin,
Word made flesh, our lives to win.
Came to earth from heaven's throne,
mortal's sin to bear alone.

Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

Stille Nacht | Piano: Kurt Proegler | arr. Porter & Carlson

Straw Against the Chill | sung by Robin Nakkula | Words and music by Bob Franke (1947-)
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In a town of David, not so near to spring,
At the heart of Love, there came a lovely thing.
It was the time of Mary, the time of Caesar's reign.
Nothing in our lives would ever be the same.

Refrain:

It was so long ago, but we remember still:
Star upon the snow, straw against the chill.
A planet dancing slow, a tree upon a hill:
Star upon the snow, straw against the chill.

Stumbling in the darkness, it was her time for birth,
Bearing in her womb the King of all the earth.
Searching for some shelter by a cruel decree,
They found a kind of glory the mighty never see. *Refrain.*

There within a stable, the baby drew a breath.
There began a life that put an end to death.
And in the frozen stillness, mighty voices heard:
"God is here among you! Human is the Word!" *Refrain*

We Three Kings | Piano: Levi Reedy with Olivia Connors | Hopkins & Parsons



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Upcoming Worship Services at St. John Lutheran Church

We invite you to continue to worship with us during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Christmas Day Service

Signing up is not required for the Christmas Day Service.

December 25, 2020

9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Signing up is not required.

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

No Sunday School or Bible Class

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Signing up is not required.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes resume

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sign up in advance for The Baptism of Our Lord Services (call or email).

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary