

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Song - "Joy to the World"

\*Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of Jesus. Most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for Jesus' sake forgive all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To everyone who believes on His name, He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

\*Prayer of the Evening

Dear God, bulldoze through our cluttered schedules. Re-order our priorities. Start now! Fill the emptiness of sorrow with the joy of your salvation. Renew our hearts with hope through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Prayer - Christ Candle

Song - "He Came Down"

Christmas Gospel – Luke 2:4-7 (please remain seated)

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Christmas Video - The Nativity as told by children from Bolivia

\*Song - "O Holy Night"

\*Christmas Gospel - Luke 2:8-12

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Song - "Hallelujah"

Christmas Gospel – Luke 2:13-15

(please remain seated)

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Children's Message

Song - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon - "Good News! Great Joy!"

Song - "Christmas Carol Medley"

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord's Prayer

Distribution Songs - Special Music

"Noel" – Ellie Spieker

"What Child is This?" - Corbin Maaland and Lauren Rouse

\*Lighting of the Candles

\*Song - "Silent Night"

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Noisy Band)

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome to Faith Lutheran!

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## Thank you to tonight's ...

Altar Prep: Altar Prep Team | Advent Wreath Lighting & Prayer: Mike, Sarah,

Savannah, Sierra & Sophia Ruhs | Children's Message: Dodo & Emu

Communion Servers: Dave & Sharon Simington, Ross & Beth Brockshus

Counters: Becky Simons | Greeters, Ushers, Candlelighters: Dave & Barb Solberg,

Laura, Brayden & Kolton Yungbluth; Eli, Sara & Jeffrey Franker

Instrumentalists: Carolyn Dundas, Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Steve Quattlebaum, Dennis Larson,

Keith & Diane Van Kleek | Prayers of the Church: Justin Spieker

Scripture Reader: Cryss Quanbeck | Camera: Becky Simons

Computer: Cheryl Stueven | Sound & Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Cassie &

Riley Simcox, Rachel & Annabelle Simington | Worship Leader: Greg Lear

## Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are here this evening. Scan the QR code to help us connect with you, or find the "Guest Connection Form" on our Welcome Center.



Thank you to all who are sharing a poinsettia to beautify our church! Poinsettias may be taken home after worship tonight.

In memory of our parents by Kent & Carol Heazlett.

In memory of Diane & Gary Hansen, Steve McGinley, Margaret Alberts, John Jurgens and other family members by Dick & Diane Allen.

In memory of JoAnne Harders by Al & Kim Rye.

In memory of loved ones by Pat Swancutt.

In memory of Bill and Mary Astor, Ethan Astor, and Donald Brinkley by Tim & Sue Brinkley.

In memory of and in honor of loved ones by Becky Fear-Hatting.

In memory of Joan and son, Curt Berkland, by Gene Berkland.

In memory of Sharon Woodford by Roydal Woodford.

In honor of family and friends by Jim Paulsen.

In memory of our parents by Dave & Sharon Simington.

In memory of and in honor of loved ones by Rich & Cheryl Stueven.

In memory of Kelly Polson by Isaiah, Whitney, Jericho & Oliver Gray.

In memory of Mom, Doris Andersen, and

in honor of Dad, Stan Andersen, by Denise Lovitt.

In memory of loved ones by Pam Harris.

In memory of Wayne Burnham by Barbara Burnham.

Thank you to Neal & Cindy Drefke for their donation of 5 red poinsettias.

