

Those Assisting Us Today

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Agnus Day



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A Lutheran Christmas Mass
(after the format of Luther's *Deutsche Missae*, 1526)

Let Us Pray...

Hymn, "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" 379

Kyrie *(Sung responsively to the tune of "From Heaven Above" TLH 85)*

P: In peace to God now let us pray,

C: **have mercy on us, Lord, this day,**

P: For peace from heav'n, salvation too,

C: **Your mercy, Lord, we seek from You.**

P: To the whole world Your peace bestow,

C: **grant mercy, Lord, to us below,**

P: And for Your church, O God, we pray,

C: **In mercy, come and be our stay.**

P: For this, Your house, and all who pray,

C: **in mercy be our help always,**

P: Your comfort, strength and help afford,

C: **"Amen" we pray, O gracious Lord.**

Gloria in Excelsis: "Angels We have Heard on High" 368

Collect for Christmas

C: Amen

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

Hymn, "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth" 382

(in this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation year, we sing various Luther hymns; Luther wrote this around 1523. The first stanza dates back many years before Luther, showing up in a hymnal around 1370 though is thought to be much older. It was a stanza the people would sing in response to the "sequence hymn" (sung between the Epistle and Gospel). The entire sequence is (translated from Latin):

Thanks let us render

All to the Lord God, our Master,

Who by His chaste incarnation

Hath redeemed and released us from the devil's

Domination

After this was sung by the clergy, the people would sing the first stanza of what we now have as hymn 382. Luther liked it enough that he wrote an expanded hymn after that first stanza, which is the rest of LSB 382).

...for our members who are homebound: **Phyllis Burnett, Wilma Forrest, Alma Hassebrock, Carolyn Heinze, Marge Morrissey, Jim and Johanne Bloch**

...for thanksgiving and praise for our blessings;

...for God's healing hand for those who have been ill;

...for Rick Hardesty for healing and strength following a hospitalization;

...for Kathy Brendel for healing and strength

...for Cindy Masko as she goes through a new round of treatment for cancer;

...for Jodi Burgess for healing and strength;

...for Pastor Peter Kolb and family, LCMS Missionary serving in Hong Kong;

...for those in need of God's mercy and care;

...for Nathan Hooker, giving thanks to God for a safe return from his service to our country in Afghanistan;

...and for the Texas District.

5. Not one He will or can forsake
Who Him his confidence doth make.
Let all his wiles the Tempter try,
You may his utmost powers defy.

6. Ye shall and must at last prevail;
God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.

(Text: Martin Luther, 1543. This is Luther's last Christmas hymn. His humility showed through as he placed this comment in the subtitle: "Let this be published without my name; let it be titled "A Hymn for Christmas".)

"Away in a Manger" 364
"Go Tell it on the Mountain" 388

Post-Communion Canticle (to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

Lord, let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work, Which for the world You willed:
The glory of Your Israel, A light for all revealed.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.
As was, is now, and e'er shall be, While endless ages run!
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

Post Communion Collect

C: **Amen**

Benediction

C: **Amen**

Hymn, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"..... 367

Credits: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful", reprinted from LW, Copyright (C) 1982 Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Used by permission. Christmas *Kyrie*, text: Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, Christmas, St. John, Evangelist, 1998; Tune: *Vom Himmel Hoch*, TLH 85. Gospel Responses, text by Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, Advent, 1998. Gospel Stanza, Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, Reformation, 1998. "In God, our Mighty Father", text: Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, Christmas, 1994; Tune: *Es Ist Ein Ros*, TLH 76. Other liturgical sections adapted from church bulletin by Lord of Life Lutheran, Sun City, AZ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

(sung responsively to the tune "O Little Town of Bethlehem", TLH 647)

P: And now the Holy Gospel, is read for you to hear,
C: **Our praise and thanks we offer, to God alone, most dear.**
P: For in the second chapter, St. Luke of Jesus wrote,
C: **Our voices now we lift and sing, "Glory to You, O Lord."**

P: And it came to pass, in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

(At this point, the congregation sings, to the tune of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":)

Glory be to God on high Peace on earth, to all is nigh.
Angels to the shepherds sing, Telling of the newborn King.
Peace on earth from sins forgiv'n, telling of our place in heaven.
Now we hear the angel hymn: "Christ is born, in Bethlehem!"
Glory be to God on high, Peace on earth to all is nigh!

(following the stanza, the pastor continues the Gospel:)

P: And it came to pass, as the Angels were gone away from them And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered

them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Gospel response to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

P: This is the Holy Gospel, from God Himself it comes,

C: It tells how Christ from heaven, among us made His home.

P: What wonders now He's told us, God's Word the good news brings,

C: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, we now with gladness sing!

Homily

Creed: "In God, our Mighty Father" (to the tune, *Es Ist Ein Ros'*)

In God our mighty Father, we truly do believe,
He made the earth and heaven, He cares for all our needs.
We are His children free.
In danger and through trouble, He safely will us lead.

In Jesus Christ, our brother, our faith will always be.
The Son of God eternal, was killed on Calv-ry's tree.
From death He rose to life!
He lives and reigns in heaven, prays for us in our strife.

In God, the Holy Spirit, we now our trust confess.
Who with His grace and comfort, our lives in Christ will bless.
When life on earth is done,
With God, we'll be in heaven, our true eternal home. Amen

Offering

Prayer of the Church

the prayer concludes with:

Hymn, "Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy Lord"..... 778

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface (Tune: *Adeste Fideles*)

P: The Lord be with you

C: And with you, His servant

P: O come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render,
With joy we come before Him, in gratefulness implore Him,
With thankful hearts adore Him, evermore!**

P: (proper preface for Christmas)...evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus Hymn: (tune: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!")

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Host, by all adored!

Heaven and earth cannot contain, All the glory of Your name!

Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due - Be forever, Lord to You!

P: "Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank You..."

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth, receive her king!
Let every heart prepare Him room.,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing!
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Distribution

Music During Distribution:

"To Shepherds as They Watched By Night"

1. To shepherds as they watched by night
Appeared a host of angels bright;
Behold the tender Babe, they said,
In yonder lowly manger laid.

2. At Bethlehem, in David's town,
As Micah did of old make known;
'Tis Jesus Christ, your Lord and King,
Who doth to all salvation bring.

3. Oh, then rejoice that through His Son
God is with sinners now at one;
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,
Your brother is the eternal God.

4. What harm can sin and death then do?
The true God now abides with you.
Let hell and Satan rage and chafe,
Christ is your Brother--ye are safe.

Announcements

The Eternal Flame is being sponsored during the month of December by Larry and Esther Lutz and also by Harry Henriksen in memory of his late wife Jeannine whom he met on New Year's Eve. We thank Larry and Esther and Harry for their donations.

We rejoice greatly this day, O Lord, as we sing with happy hearts. You lowered Yourself and came to serve. Today we celebrate in Your house to receive the gifts that You have for us. Keep us mindful that You are our greatest gift and treasure. Nothing else in the world could make us merrier than the sure hope of life forever with You, dear Savior!

This morning during the hymn sing, please be ready to call out the number of your favorite Christmas hymns.

Thanks to Pastor McPike for writing the Christmas Eve program, presented last night by our children. Thanks to Connie Warsaw for organizing and leading the practices, Brenda Hendricks for leading the children in playing the bells, and Alicia Haggin for accompanying the singing. And a very special thank-you to the children for presenting the wonderful program "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come".

Thank You! I appreciated the Osman choir stopping in to sing to me last Sunday so much. You filled the room with outstanding beautiful voices. Thanks so much! Paul Ferguson, Colfax

There will be NO Sunday School or Bible Study on January 1st. We will resume on January 8th. Church service will begin at the regular time, 9:30 am.

Church Council meeting will be held January 4th at 7pm.

Epiphany Open House. To help celebrate Epiphany (January 6) and say thank you for your generosity, well wishes and kindness, Pastor and Sharon invite you to an open house at their home in Philo—112 W. Jefferson Street on Saturday, January 7 from 2-4 PM.

The annual Voter's meeting and potluck will be held January 8th after church. Drinks and table service will be provided. Anyone who would like to help take down the Christmas decorations, please stay after the potluck to participate!

Additional Announcements

Thank You! Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls during my stay in the hospital this past week. They all were very much appreciated along with the visits from Pastor McPike. I'm so very grateful to have a church family that is so giving of their prayers and thoughts. Thank you all and have a Merry Christmas! Rick Hardesty

Choir Practice will be Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

Military Biblestick: Thank you to all who donated to the Military Biblestick project for LWML. We collected \$875!! Then, Faith Comes by Hearing had an anonymous donor who plans to match all the contributions in December, so our donation doubled! Praise God for your generosity in sharing His word with our troops.

Thanks to Alicia and Nick Haggin for accompanying and directing the choir Sunday, December 11th while we sang Christmas carols to the shut-ins. Thanks to everyone who brought cookies and helped us bring Christmas cheer to Alma Hassebrock, Wilma Forrest, Marge Morrissey, and Phyllis Burnett. An additional thank you to Shirley Sprau for picking up the poinsettias.

Winter Coats Needed: Two local charitable organizations, "Seek and Find" in Rantoul and "Canteen Run" (part of The Salvation Army) are in desperate need of winter coats for all ages. Seek and Find is a thrift store operating under the same model as Salt and Light, where needy people can work to offset the cost of items. Canteen Run serves the homeless community in Champaign. They prefer used coats. A box will be provided in the back of the church for your donations.

2017 Budget — If you didn't receive copies of the budget and ballot last Sunday, please pick one up today on the elder's pew. If you would like to run for a Council office, please sign on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Osman Wi-Fi: The Osman Wi-Fi code for "OsmanChurch(public)" is "romans1017".