

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

Hymn: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”.....379

Kyrie (*Sung responsively to the tune of “From Heaven Above”*)

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, 7-12

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy darkness shineth The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

3 How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will Receive Him still, The dear Christ enters
in.

Poinsettias were purchased the week before Christmas for \$5 each. If you donated a poinsettia, please pay the church treasurer, Terri Hooker.

Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Newsletter.... There will NOT be a January newsletter due to the winter cancellations. The January – February newsletter will be a combined issue and will be distributed the first Sunday of February.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd immediately after the worship service. Please stay to vote on new council officers, the 2023 budget, and other items of business.

If you are listening outside, please tune your FM radio to 88.1. Please ask an elder if you have problems. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline: If you have announcements for the weekly bulletin, please forward those to Brenda Hendricks by noon on FRIDAY. You may contact her by email at mhendrick@mchsi.com or by text or phone at 309-826-9733.

“Worship Anew” – Know someone who can't get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces “Worship Anew”. It airs locally on WCIX – 49 on Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM.

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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Christmas Day Service cancelled

Using the service today

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Let Us Pray...

....for our homebound members: Karen Bryan and Shirley Sprau
....for Debbie Lammle as she manages her pain
....for thanksgiving for John Gercken's successful heart surgery
....for thanksgiving for Austin Miller for a successful surgery
....for Arnita Zimmerman as she recovers at the Annex in Gibson City

Offering

December 18 – \$1418
December 24 and 25 - cancelled

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin
Elder: Dwight Hooker
Altar Guild: Terri Hooker
Debbie Martin

Thank you to those members who donated a poinsettia to adorn the altar area today. Those donating were Kim Clemmons, Brenda Hendricks, Debbie and John Lammle, Larry Lutz, Jane and Jim Poppe, Sue and Jim VanWakeman, Connie and Don Warsaw, and Sandy and Lee Whitehouse. The flowers will be used again next Sunday.

Christmas decorations will be taken down on next Sunday, January 8th, after the worship service.

Quilting! The ladies will be tying quilts TOMORROW, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 4th at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to help tie quilts that are given to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train to be distributed all over the world to needy people.

Church Officers still needed! New officers to be elected this coming year will be a secretary, two elders, one trustee, and one assistant financial secretary. Please consider using your God given talents! There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14, 15-18

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

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 first chapter, St. John of Jesus wrote,

C: **Our voices now we lift and sing, "Glory to You, O Lord."**

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!**

Hymn: "O Sing of Christ"362

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

Prayers

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:

Hymn "Away in a Manger"364

Hymn "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: Christmas *Kyrie*, text: Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, Christmas, St. John, Evangelist, 1998; Tune: *Vom Himmel Hoch*. 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*. Other liturgical sections adapted from church bulletin by Lord of Life Lutheran, Sun City, AZ.

Thank you to the members who helped assemble the treat bags on Saturday morning. The bags which are usually handed out after the Christmas Eve service will be handed out after the service today and next Sunday. The treats were purchased with member donations and a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card. Connie and Don Warsaw purchased the treats and organized the project.

Thank you to the members who donated hats, mittens, and gloves to the box on the back pew during the month of December. The items will be donated to local schools and other places that help the needy.

New Year Prayer:

Thank you for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

