

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

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Gradual

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

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.

Announcements - continued

Get your singing voices ready to praise God and at the same time bring a little cheer to our shut-ins. The entire congregation is invited to go singing on January 5th in the afternoon (time will be announced later). We will sing at the Villas of Holly Brook in Gibson City and hopefully a few more places. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can go! All those interested in caroling please bring one dozen cookies and a dish to share so the group can eat before heading to Gibson City. Ham and mac-n-cheese will be furnished! We will not be eating afterwards.

A music filled worship service was held on Christmas Eve! Thanks to all the musicians that used their talents to fill the church with Christmas music. The musicians that played instruments included Jenna Clemmons, Alicia Haggin, Nic Haggin, John Haggin, Joseph Haggin, Rita Haggin, Sara McPike, and Addi Warsaw.

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.

Christmas decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 11th, at 9 AM.

Quilting! The ladies will be quilting again in the new year. The first dates for quilting will be January 6th at 8 AM and the 8th at 12:30 PM 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th immediately after the worship service.

The bulletin for next week will be printed on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday afternoon.

Let Us Pray...

....for homebound member: Karen Bryan
....for Barb Whitehouse-Gercken while dealing with medical issues
....for John Gercken while dealing with medical issues

Offering

December 22 - \$755

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin
John Haggin
Elder: Bob Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Susan Martin

Announcements

Church Officers Needed! In January the church council will need names to fill the election ballot. The positions that will need to be filled on the council will be a secretary, two elders, one trustee, and one assistant financial secretary. Be thinking about how YOU can use your talents to serve the congregation!

Thank You! A sincere thank you to the following members who donated a poinsettia to decorate the church on Christmas Eve and today: Brenda and Jerry Edwards, Sara and Dave Kunde, Deb and John Lammle, Debbie Martin, Sue and Jim Van Wakeman, Sandy and Lee Whitehouse, and Diana and Bob Zimmerman. If you donated a plant, you may take it home after the January 5th service. Thanks!

Sign up to donate flowers for the altar during the next year. The sign up sheet is on the side bulletin board. When donating flowers for this next calendar year you will see on the chart that they will be on the altar for two weeks. Please donate flower arrangements for the altar to commemorate a birth, death, wedding anniversary, or other occasion.

- 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.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

(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 second chapter, St. Luke 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

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 all that helped assemble the Christmas treat bags that were distributed on Christmas Eve. Thank you to Connie and Don Warsaw who organized the project. They purchased all of the items with a \$250 Thrivent card and money from Moneta and Bill McCleary's memorial fund. Thank you to Brenda Hendricks, Dwight and Terri Hooker, Joy Johnson, Don and Connie Warsaw, Jeff and Annette Warsaw, Addison Warsaw, and Bob and Diana Zimmerman for assembling the bags.

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.



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