

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2019**

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

**CHOIR:** "Good News from Heaven" by Martin Luther; arranged by Peter Tkach

**PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**\* CAROL: "Love Has Come" – ELW 292 (vs. 1, 3)**

**♪ Love has come, a light in the darkness!**

**Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.**

**See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;**

**See how their song of joy arises:**

**Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!**

**Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come share in the wonder;**

**Love is God now asleep in the hay.**

**See the glow in the eyes of his mother;**

**What is the name her heart is saying?**

**Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;**

**Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**CHOIR:** "Come and Hear the Joyful Singing" by Michael Perry

**SELECTED READING:**

*"All who at the manger  
finally lay down  
all power and honor,  
all prestige,  
all vanity,  
all arrogance and self-will;  
all who take their place  
among the lowly  
and let God alone be high;  
all who see the glory of God  
in the lowliness  
of the child in the manger:  
these are the ones who will truly  
celebrate Christmas." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**CAROL:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" – ELW 270 (vs.1, 3)

♪ Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen 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 us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

\* Please stand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

**CAROL: "That Boy-Child of Mary" – ELW 293**

**SERMON – Pastor Bill**

*You may remain seated.*

**CAROL: "The First Noel" – ELW 300 (vs. 1, 5)**

♪ **The First Noel the angels did say was to  
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's  
night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!**

**Then entered in those wise men three, full  
reverently upon their knee, and offered  
there in his presence their gold and  
myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the kind of Israel.**

**\* PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share Merry Christmas and a sign of Christ's peace and be seated.*

**OFFERING**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*\* Please stand.*

♪ **OFFERTORY: "As with Gladness Men of Old" – ELW 302 (vs. 3)**

♪ **As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Holy God.

**C: your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these songs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\* CAROL: "From Heaven Above" – ELW 268 (vs. 1, 14)**

**♪ From heav'n above to earth I come  
to bring good news to ev'ry home!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to all the world, and gladly sing.**

**“Glory to God in highest heav'n  
who unto us the Son has giv'n.”  
With angels sing in pious mirth:  
a glad new year to all the earth!**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!  
*You may be seated.*

## **COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.*

### **Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**ELW 279: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**ELW 286: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord Are We"**

**ELW 296: "What Child Is This"**

**ELW 278: "Away in a Manger"**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may remain seated.*

**CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" – ELW 290**

*\* Please stand.*

### **\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**"Away in a Manger" – ELW 277 (vs. 3)**

P: Let us pray.

**♪ Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay  
close by us forever and love us, we pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,**

**and fit us for heaven to live with you there. Amen.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**C: Amen**

**\* CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard On High" – ELW 289**

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: Peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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**Pianist:** Jason Bousselot

**Choir Director:** Diane Christensen

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**Acolyte:** Isabella Gentile

**Communion Assistant:** Brian Tulley

**Ushers:** Mark Witte, Ruth Braet, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley

**Welcome to our guests and visitors.** We are happy to have you worship with us this Christmas morning.

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** Kim Steffens, Rebecca Hurt, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Michele Scheper, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson,

Christian Bousselot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousselot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

**This Week At A Glance**

Today                    9:00 am – **Christmas Day** Worship at Faith Church  
Sunday                8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith Church  
                              NO Sunday School; classes resume January 5  
                              10:30 am – Worship Service at Our Savior’s Church

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