

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

December 25, 2015

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

() indicates congregation stands, if able*

CHOIR: "Good News from Heaven" by Peter Tkach

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

***CAROL: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"** – Hymn 283 (vs. 1, 4)

***GREETING:**

P: The grace and peace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,
born of Mary, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

CAROL: "Love Has Come" – Hymn 292 (vs. 1, 3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHOIR: "In the Name of Love" by Mosie Lister & Brenda Van

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" – Hymn 270 (vs. 1, 3)

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL: John 1:1—14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CAROL: "That Boy-Child of Mary" – Hymn 293

SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.
Silence for meditation

***CAROL: "The First Noel"** - Hymn 300 (vs. 1, 5)

***PEACE**

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

♪ **OFFERTORY: "As with Gladness Men of Old"** – Hymn 302

♪ **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: Let us pray.

Good and loving God,

C: **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***CAROL: "From Heaven Above"** – Hymn 268

♪ **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.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread...Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: After supper he took the cup...Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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: The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal.

Come, behold and receive your God.

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. Communion will be served in a continuous. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.)

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 279: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 278 "Away in a Manger"

Hymn 286 "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord Are We"

Hymn 296 "What Child Is This"

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" – Hymn 290

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: (*Away in a Manger – Hymn 277 v. 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: May the God who comes from heaven above be born in your hearts
and lives this day and always.

C: Amen

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

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Postlude

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Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are glad to have you worship
with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come
back again.

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