# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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# First Sunday in Christmas

December 29, 2024 -10:30 AM

PRELUDE Jacob Wilson

## **GATHERING**

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

ELW 275

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

#### **DIALOG**

- P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world:
- C: by day and night he shines for all to see.
- P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
- C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.
- P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
- C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.
- P: Jesus is the light of the world.
- C: Jesus is the light of our lives.
- P: Sing to God a new song!
- C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world!

#### **GREETING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please sit.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Away in a Manger

**FIRST READING** Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

**CAROL** Creator of the Stars of Night

**SECOND READING** Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL ELW 279

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1 and 2)

**THIRD READING** Luke 1:26-35, 38a

CAROL ELW 272

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs. 1 and 2)

**FOURTH READING** Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL ELW 277

Away in a Manger

FIFTH READING

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL ELW 282

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (verse 1)

**SIXTH READING** Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL ELW 300

The First Noel (vs. 1-3)

**SEVENTH READING** John 1:1-14

CAROL ELW 292

Love Has Come

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P: In his light, draw all to the wonder

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

P: In his light, draw all to his majesty

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

P: In the brightness of his life

C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

- P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
- C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

- P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
- C: Praise God, all creatures here below!
- P: You are the shepherds telling the story.
- C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.
- P: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.
- C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.
- P: You are the angels announcing peace.
- C: We live with joy and go now in peace.
- P: Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Spirit of Faith, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN**

#### **ELW 290**

## Go Tell It On the Mountain

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

Jane Fanucci

# **Worship Assistants**

Altar Care: Kelly Boyer

Announcements: Carolyn Andrews Readers: **Faith Thomas** 

Kirsten Ireton

**Shirley Prouty** 

Song Leader: Karen Linfor

Refreshments: Mack & Carole Vance

# **Flowers**

In loving memory of our parents





Please join us in Schultz
Hall for our Epiphany
Breakfast on **January 6**th **at 9:30am**. Pastor Rob will
share the importance of
celebrating Epiphany. The
Evangelism Board will

provide breakfast casseroles, coffee and juice. Those attending are encouraged to bring fruit, muffins, coffee cake or breakfast breads to share as well as nativity sets to display on the tables. Please sign up on the opportunity table in the narthex so that we will know how many plan to attend.



# COMMUNITY CONCERNS BOARD WINTER SOCK COLLECTION STARTING SOON - MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

The Community Concerns Board will be collecting donations for new adult socks from Sunday January 5, 2025 through Sunday, January 26, 2025. They will be delivered to local charities who assist the unhoused in early February. We now have a new location for the collection bin. Look for it near the stained glass of the Shepard Jesus starting next Sunday. Thank you!



