

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

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Pastor

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, 12/25/20, 10:00 am.

Autumn Wiechmann

Organist

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WELCOME !

“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 were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

---- John 1:1-4 & 14.

Hymn 102 vv. 1-2 O, Come, All Ye Faithful!

Psalm 98 KJV 1611

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath [*has*] done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and His holy arm hath [*have*] gotten Him the victory!

P: The Lord hath made known His salvation,

C: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

P: He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel;

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth!

C: Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise!

P: Sing unto the LORD with the harp,

C: With the harp and the voice of a psalm,

P: With trumpets and the sound of cornet.

C: Make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King!

P: Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof,

C: The world, and they that dwell therein.

P: Let the floods clap their hands,

C: Let the hills be joyful together, before the LORD;

P: For He cometh to judge the earth.

C: With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the people with equity!

Hymn 102 vv. 3-4 O, Come, All Ye Faithful!

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 33:12-18 *When Judah and Jerusalem turned away from the LORD, He sent devastation and captivity upon them. However, the LORD mercifully promised to restore His people. He would raise up a BRANCH from the family tree of King David. This Branch would become the King of Righteousness. That Branch is Jesus, the Savior. Jesus has brought righteousness and peace from God. Through Christ's punishment on the cross, there is forgiveness and life for all forever! Cling to Him. ----- Apart from Him, there is nothing.*

Hymn 94 vv. 1 + 3 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:4-7 *When the time and circumstances were just right, God sent His eternal Son into earthly life. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth. His perfect life and His innocent death redeemed all sinners from condemnation. In Jesus we, who have been mere slaves and minors, receive full rights of sons and are heirs of His Kingdom! In Jesus, we address Almighty God, as "Abba"-- "Dear Father!"*

Hymn 647 vv. 1 + 3 O Little Town of Bethlehem!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 [KJV 1611] *The eternal Son of God entered earthly life.*

P: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus,

C: That all the world should be taxed [*enrolled for taxation*].

P: And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

C: And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

P: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage [*family line*] of David;

C: To be taxed with Mary his espoused [*promised*] **wife, being great with child.**

P: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

C: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes [*strips of cloth*], **and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

P: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

C: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore [*very*] **afraid.**

P: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings [*news*] of great joy, which shall be to all people.

C: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!

P: And this shall be a sign unto you;

C: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes [strips of cloth], lying in a manger.

P: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!

P: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

C: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

P: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

C: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

P: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

C: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

P: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God

C: For all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Hymn 103 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

SERMON: Matthew 21:6-9

NEEDY SOULS WELCOME THE HUMBLE KING !

So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? (*Martin Luther, 1529*)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord;

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death;

That I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives, and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 90 vv. 1-2, 6-8 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 105 vv. 1-4 Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men!

Benediction

Hymn 105 vv. 5-8 Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men!

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VIDEO-RECORDINGS: St. Luke's has begun taping worship services. Services may be viewed at *St. Luke's Lutheran facebook page*. Services from 12/20 and 12/24 are available. It may take a few weeks for us to get the recordings to the desired level. We thank Phil Larson for leading this project!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: From retired Pastor Walter and Kathy Schaller. Pastor Schaller served at St. Luke's during the '80's and '90's. The Schallers now live in Eau Claire, WI.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: From the Kanzenbachs.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS IN THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR !

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