

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 12/25/22, 10:00 am.

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### WELCOME !

*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 1:14.*

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

### Psalm 126

P: When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,

**C: We were like those who dream!**

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**C: And our tongue with singing.**

P: Then they said among the nations, the LORD has done great things for them.

**C: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad.**

P: Bring back our captivity, O LORD,

**C: As the streams in the South.**

P: Those who sow in tears

**C: Shall reap in joy.**

P: He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing,

**C: Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**

**Hymn 87 vv. 1 & 2** Joy to the World!

**OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 18:14-18** People desire to be in touch with invisible spirit world around us. Soothsayers and fortune tellers offer that connection—but it is to the wrong spirit! God's Son became man like us and offers us the real connection to the Father—forgiveness and life. Listen to Him!

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

**EPISTLE: Galatians 4:1-7** When the time and circumstances were just right, God sent His eternal Son into life on earth. Jesus perfect life and innocent death redeemed all sinners from condemnation. We, who have been mere slaves and children, receive full rights of adult sons and are heirs of His Kingdom! In Jesus, we address Almighty God, as “Abba”--“Dear Father!”

**Hymn 105 vv. 1 - 2** Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men!

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20** *The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem*

P: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed [enrolled for taxation].

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

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

**C: 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;**

P: To be taxed with Mary his espoused [pledged] wife, being great with child.

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

P: 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.

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

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

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

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

**C: And this shall be a sign unto you; 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, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

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

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

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

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

**C: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.**

Hymn 105 vv. 6 - 8 Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

**SERMON: Psalm 146 RELIEF AND BLESSINGS!**

**Praise the LORD on Christmas!**

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
While I live I will praise the LORD;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

**No Help Anywhere Else!**

*Do not put your trust in princes,  
Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.  
His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;  
In that very day his plans perish.*

**The LORD Made It and Can Fix It!**

*Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,  
Whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
Who made heaven and earth,  
The sea, and all that is in them;*

**The LORD's Actions Are in Truth and in Rescue!**

*[The LORD] Who keeps truth forever,  
Who executes justice for the oppressed,  
Who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.  
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
The LORD raises those who are bowed down;*

**The Righteous-in-His-Eyes Are Next to the LORD's Heart!**

*The LORD loves the righteous.  
The LORD watches over the strangers;  
He relieves the fatherless and widow;*

**Dead End for the Wicked!**

*But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.*

**The LORD Reigns Forever!**

*The LORD shall reign forever—  
Your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!*

**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 85 vv. 13 - 15** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come!

Offering and Prayers

BENEDICTION

**Hymn** "Away in a Manger"

1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2) The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

***A BLESSED CHRISTMAS IN THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR !***

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 1-1-23, 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Cl. & S.Sch.

Sunday, 1-8-23, 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class

RESCHEDULED CHILDREN'S SEERVICE: Perhaps Sunday 1-8-23.

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