

St. Lucia Fest



Luther Memorial Church

December 10, 2023

Legend of Santa Lucia

According to legend, Lucia was a medieval saint who carried food and drink to hungry folk in the province of Värmland during a period of famine.

She was seen across Lake Vänern, with her white gown and crown of lights, so today's costume uses the same gown and crown.

The Lucia legend is said to have originated in Syracuse on the island of Sicily. A young girl, about to be a bride, gave her entire dowry to the poor of her village and admitted she had become a Christian. She was accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake on December 13, 304 A.D. Much later in history, the early church declared her a Saint, Santa Lucia.

Italian artists sometimes picture her as a blind girl holding a lamp.

There are many legends but in each one, Lucia stands for the symbol of light and hope to all mankind.

Santa Lucia's coming begins the feasting, merriment, singing and the spirit of friendliness and goodwill that lasts all through the holidays.



Annual Lucia Festival

December 10, 2023

Prelude

Walt Gaber

Handbell Prelude – "A Thousand Candles"

arr. Dan Miller

Welcome

Pat Bellingham
Chair of SVEA Lodge #296

Advent

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LBW 34

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



- 1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
- 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
- 4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
- 5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,





un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re - joice!
and death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Narration

Pastor Karen Lundwall

Prophecy

John 1:1-18

Eric Hedlund



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Jul Tomtar Narration

Gary Larson

Song

Tipp, Tapp

Jul Tomtar

Narration

Pastor Karen Lundwall

St. Lucia's Day – “Wake Up, Lucia”

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*Wake up, Lucia comes today. Oh, be glad!
Lucia comes in bright array to light the way to Christmas day.*

*Wake up, Lucia greets us here. Oh, be glad!
Lucia comes again this year to bring us joy and bring us cheer.*

*She enters with the morning light. Oh, be glad!
Her happy face, 'neath candles bright, dispels the darkness of the night.*

*This day our hearts are filled with love. Oh, be glad!
Lucia tells of God's great love and of His gift from heav'n above.*

Queen of Light

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*Queen of Light, O Christmas Bride, candle lights are glowing
Through the darkest winter night, comfort is bestowing.
Dreams afloat on wings bedight, comes again with morning light,
Once again upon our sight, Santa Lucia.*

*Through the silent winter gloom, comes thy song a'winging.
to awaken earth anew, with glad carols bringing.
Come, O come thou Queen of Light, wearing lighted crown so bright,
Bringing back the morning light, Santa Lucia.*

*Take the word from home to home, Christmas time foretelling.
Fill our hearts with hope and cheer, all our fears dispelling.
Bringing to the world again, peace and good will unto all men,
Hark! the glad song sounds again! Santa Lucia.*

Song – “Goder Afton”

(All past St. Lucia participants are invited to join in the front.)

Narration

Anna Keller

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning



1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing I wish that I could be
 2 How kind of you, our Sav - ior, for us to come to earth.
 3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, to be our dear-est friend.



there by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see,
 Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.
 Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.



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Text: Elisabeth Ehrenborg-Posse, Barnsångers, 19th cent.; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990
 Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

Song – “O Christmas Tree”

Song – “Boom Fa-da-ra-la”

Narration

Marian Graffius

Song – “Ritsch Ratsch”

Narration

Marian Graffius

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Narration

Jacob O'Brien

Song – “Stephen’s Song”

Song – “Christmas is Here Again”

Narration

Jack Bartlett

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn – “Silent Night”

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*Stilla natt, heliga natt! Allt ar tyst. Klart och glatt
skiner stjarnan pa stallets stra och de korade helgon tva,
som kring Guds Son halla vakt, som kring
Guds Son halla vakt.*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

Recessional – “Santa Lucia”

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*Hark! through the darksome night,
sounds come a 'winging.
Lo! tis the Queen of Light, joyfully singing!
Clad in her garments white, wearing her crown of light,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!
Clad in her garments white, wearing her crown of light,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!*

*Deep in the northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming,
Welcome thou vision fair, lights glowing in thy hair,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!
Welcome thou vision fair, lights glowing in thy hair,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!*

*Night soon shall flee away, with its dark dreaming,
Radiant shall be the day, with sunlight streaming.
This is thy promise bright, maiden with crown of light!
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!
This is thy promise bright, maiden with crown of light!
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!*

Please be seated.

Offering

The offering today will be used to defray expenses for the St. Lucia Festival and assist our youth in their travel to the National Youth Gathering in 2024.

Song – “Goodnight”

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*Goodnight, goodnight, my little one,
goodnight, sleep well, my dear!
Goodnight my love, we'll meet again,
goodnight, sleep well, my dear!*

*I pray God's angels watch will keep,
no harm will come to thee in sleep.
Goodnight, goodnight, my little one,
goodnight, sleep well, my dear!*

Prayer

Cathy Beck

Please stand as you are able.



Hymn – “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
was born upon this day:
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r,
when we were gone astray:
O Tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O Tidings of comfort and joy.
From God, our Heavenly Father,
a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
brought Tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name:
O Tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O Tidings of comfort and joy.
The shepherds at these tidings
rejoic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
the Blessed Babe to find.
O Tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O Tidings of comfort and joy.*





Kaffe Och Dopp Swedish refreshments

Lucia buns and cookies are being served after the program.
You are all welcome to continue the celebration of Lucia by joining us in the Fellowship Hall.
“Var sa god!”



Special Thank You to:

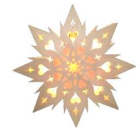
Lynnette Gustafson, Amy Scott and Lena Donnelly
for planning the St. Lucia Festival
and rehearsing with our children and youth.

Walt Gaber for his time and talent at the piano
and accompaniment during the Lucia Festival.

Our Adult and Handbell Choirs for their talents
to make the St. Lucia Fest special.

All who have so generously prepared and
provided refreshments and decorated the tables.

Especially to all our parents and participants
for making this celebration possible!



For more information about SVEA Vasa Lodge 296, please visit svea-erielodge.org

Cast

<i>Lucia</i>			<i>Anna Keller</i>
<i>Star Boy</i>			<i>Jacob O'Brien</i>
<i>Christ Kindle</i>			<i>Marian Graffius</i>
<i>Attendants</i>	<i>Ella Graffius Bella O'Brien Natalya Wynne</i>	<i>Evelynn Graffius Ava Riesdorph</i>	<i>Cecilia Montroy Anna Szewczykoski</i>
<i>Swedish Girls</i>	<i>Tessa Bartlett Amelia Lang Leah Szewczykoski</i>	<i>Lucia Goellner Adalynn O'Leary Cecilia Ulrich</i>	<i>Jocelyn Karasack Magnolia Ozgurgil Madeline Ulrich</i>
<i>Swedish Boys</i>	<i>Elliot Lang Matthew Snider</i>	<i>Elijah Montroy Ivan Wynne</i>	<i>Mason Snider</i>
<i>Baker Boys</i>	<i>Jack Bartlett Blake O'Brien</i>	<i>Lincoln McCall Carter O'Leary</i>	<i>Noah Montroy Tommy Willis</i>
<i>Narrators</i>	<i>Jack Bartlett Pastor Karen Lundwall</i>	<i>Eric Hedlund</i>	<i>Gary Larson</i>
<i>Prayer</i>			<i>Cathy Beck</i>
<i>Tomtars</i>		<i>Smiling, young faces of our families</i>	
<i>Jul Tomtar</i>			<i>Les Fobes</i>
<i>Adult Choir</i>	<i>Emma Chaffee Ken Kraut</i>	<i>Barb Dennison Kathy Sahlmann</i>	<i>Jonathan Gaber</i>
<i>Handbell Choir</i>	<i>Pat Bellingham Lena Donnelly Jeanne Gaber</i>	<i>Patricia Boyd Cathie Dugan Lynnette Gustafson</i>	<i>Barb Dennison Les Fobes Kathy Sahlmann</i>

