

St. Lucia Fest



Luther Memorial Church

December 11, 2022

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 11, 2022

Prelude	Walt Gaber
Welcome	Pat Bellingham Chair of SVEA Lodge #296
Handbell Prelude – "Medley for Christmas"	arr. Sondra Tucker
<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Away in a Manger," "Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	

Cast

Lucia			Grace Graffius
Star Boy			Marshall Boyd
Christ Kindle			Marian Graffius
Attendants	Ella Graffius	Anna Szewczykoski	Natalya Wynne
Swedish Girls	Tessa Bartlett Anna Keller Ava Riesdorph	Evelynn Graffius Adalynn O'Leary Leah Szewczykoski	Jocelyn Karasack Cecilia Montroy
Swedish Boys	Jack Bartlett Carter O'Leary	Elijah Montroy Ivan Wynne	Noah Montroy
Baker Boys	Mitchell Boyd	Lincoln McCall	Tommy Willis
Narrators	Eric Hedlund Marshall Boyd	Grace Graffius	
Tomtars	Amelia Karasack Mason Snider	Ezra Montroy Morgan Snider	Matthew Snider
Jul Tomtar			Les Fobes
Violinist			Linda Melaragno
Adult Choir	Patricia Boyd Molly Gaber Kathy Sahlmann	Cathie Dugan Kay Gudgeon Pat Young	Jonathan Gaber Matt Royek
Handbell Choir	Pat Bellingham Les Fobes Lena Martin	Patricia Boyd Jeanne Gaber Matt Royek	Cathie Dugan Lynnette Gustafson Kathy Sahlmann





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!”



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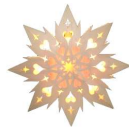
Lynnette Gustafson for planning the St. Lucia Festival and rehearsing with our children and youth.

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!



Advent

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LBW 34

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

Narration

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prophecy

John 1:1-18

Jack Bartlett

Anthem – "Prepare the Way"

Linda Melaragno, violin

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a royal way;
Gather the people to sing and pray;
Lift up your voices with joyful praise.
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

*Let all of creation with song rejoice.
Sing every nation with heart and voice.
Sharing the promise with joyful noise.
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

*Alleluia, Keep awake, be ready, dawn will soon be here.
Light will shine upon us, grace will dry each tear.
Hope, peace and love will fall from heaven above!
Joy will come with morning, Prepare, the time is near.*

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord.
Sing an alleluia. Sing alleluia. O sing an alleluia.
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord of lords.
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare!*

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Narration

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LBW 59

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.



Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LBW 71

Angels We Have Heard on High



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



Song – Boom Fa-da-ra-la

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn – Silent Night

(Congregation will join in singing)

*Stilla natt, heliga natt! Allt ar tyst. Klart och glatt
skiner stjernan 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 will 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.

Song – Goodnight

Choir



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.



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.

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

Please be seated.

Narration

Swedish Dance – Christmas is Here Again

Song – Tipp, Tapp

Jul Tomtar

Narration

Anthem – "When Will the Little King Come?"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*When will the little King come? When will we see God's Son?
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy,
When our Emmanuel comes.*

*When will the little King come?
Will He come like a breath of spring while the flowers are blossoming?
Will He come on a summer day while the children are at play?*

*When will the little King come?
Will He come when the air grows cold
while the leaves turn to red and gold?
Will He come on a winter night while the stars are shining bright?*

*When will the little King come? When will we see God's Son?
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy,
When our Emmanuel comes.*

Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

LBW 73

All Hail to You, O Blessed Morn!



1 All hail to you, O bless-ed morn! To tid - ings long by proph-ets
 2 True God, the Fa - ther's Son, is he; yet tru - ly one of us, that
 3 He will, like us, shed bit - ter tears, will know our needs, yet still our
 4 For our re - demp-tion still he comes. In him shines, like a thou-sand



borne ful - fill-ment you have giv - en. Oh, great-est and most bless-ed
 we might find in him a broth - er. He comes with peace and love to
 fears and send his Spir - it's pow - er. He will re - veal his Fa-ther's
 suns, God's mer - cy, cloud-ed nev - er! Now all who will on him be -



day when un - to earth in glo-rious ray shone out the grace of heav - en!
 live on earth, our err - ing race to give such help as could no oth - er,
 will, our cup of woe with mer-cy fill to sweet-en sor - row's hour. . .
 lieve, who fol - low him, he will re - ceive and as his flock will gath - er.



Young and old their voic - es blend-ing, prais - es send-ing
 seek - ing, car - ing for the love-less and the hope-less,
 Strug - gling, suf - f'ring, he, by dy - ing, dear - ly buy - ing
 He will guide us, walk be - side us, and up - hold us,



un - to heav - en for this no - blest of earth's chil - dren!
 all the lost ones thirst-ing for un - fail - ing foun - tains.
 our sal - va - tion, o - pens wide the gates of heav - en!
 till in heav - en we shall be like him for - ev - er!

Text: Johan Olof Wallin, 1779–1839; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

Please be seated.

Offering

*The offering today will be used to defray expenses
 for the St. Lucia Festival*

Handbell Voluntary – "A Thousand Candles"

(Swedish Carol)

arr. Dan Miller

*A thousand Christmas candles light the earth's revolving sphere,
 And thousand, thousands gleam above to bring the heavens near.
 Tonight o'er city, town and land the joyful news be told:
 That Jesus Christ our Lord is born, our Savior and our God.*

*O star that shines o'er Bethlehem, pray let your gentle light
 Shine on with hope and joy and peace in every home tonight.
 Tonight o'er city, town and land the joyful news be told:
 That Jesus Christ our Lord is born, our Savior and our God.*

Narration

Solo – "St. Steffan's Song"

Jonathan Gaber

Narration

Wake Up Lucia

Choir

Queen of Light

Congregation & Choir

*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 men,
 Hark! the glad song sounds again! Santa Lucia.*

Song – Goder Afton