St. Lucia Fest



Luther Memorial Church
December 15, 2024

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 15, 2024

Handbell Prelude – "In The Hall of the Mountain King"
"March"
"Trepak"

Organ Prelude – "December Voluntary"

Welcome

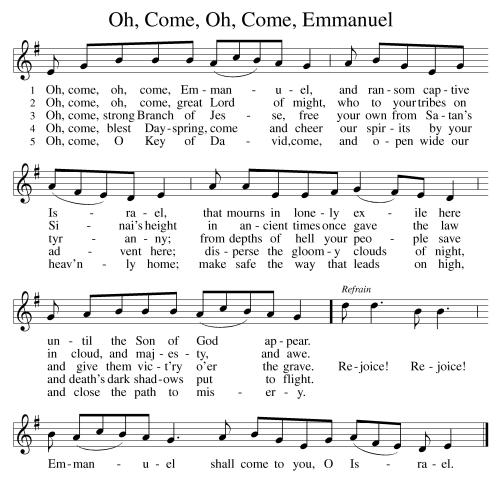
Pat Bellingham Chair of SVEA Lodge #296



Please stand as you are able.

Hymn LBW 34

(Congregation is invited to join in singing.)



Text: Psalteriolum 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 Mike Hedlund

Prophecy John 1:1-18 Eric Hedlund



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Jul Tomtar Narration Linda Graffius

Song- "Tipp, Tapp"

Jul Tomtar

Narration Mike Hedlund

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.

Song – "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"

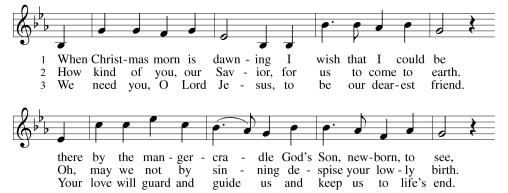
(All past St. Lucia participants are invited to join in the front.)

Narration Marian Graffius

Hymn (Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

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When Christmas Morn Is Dawning





Text: Elisabeth Ehrenborg-Posse, Barnsånger, 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"

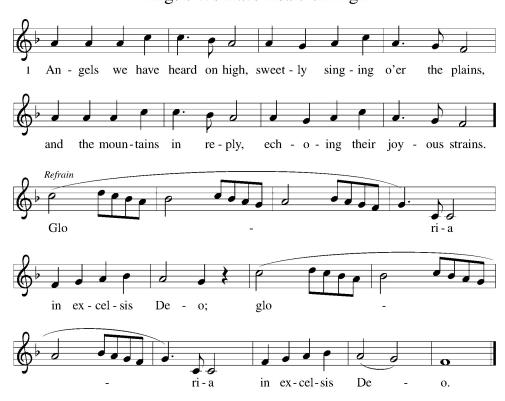
Narration Ella Graffius

Song - "Ritsch Ratsch"

Narration Ella Graffius

Hymn (Congregation is invited to join in singing.)

Angels We Have Heard on High



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

Narration Tommy Willis

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 future endeavors.

(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.

Postlude: "Voluntary"

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 Chank You to:

Lena Donnelly, Emma Chaffee and Anna Keller for planning the St. Lucia Festival and rehearsing with our children and youth.

Bryan Timm 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

Lucia			Marian Graffius	
Star Boy			Tommy Willis	
Christ Kindle			Ella Graffius	
Attendants	Evelynn Graffius Madeline Ulrich	Grace Graffius Natalya Wynne	Cecilia Montroy	
Swedish Girls	Tessa Bartlett Cecilia Ulrich	Amelia Lang	Morgan Snider	
Swedish Boys	Adam Duran Elijah Montroy	Evan Duran Mason Snider	Elliot Lang Matthew Snider	
Baker Boys	Jack Bartlett	Noah Montroy	Ivan Wynne	
Narrators	Jack Bartlett Mike Hedlund	Linda Graffius	Eric Hedlund	
Prayer			Cathy Beck	
Tomtars		Smiling, young faces of our families		
Jul Tomtar			Les Fobes	
Choir Jonathan Gaber	Emma Chaffee Ken Kraut Pat Young	Mary Daniels Matt Royek	Barb Dennison Kathy Sahlmann	
Handbell Choir	Patricia Boyd Jeanne Gaber Kathy Sahlmann	Emma Chaffee Les Fobes	Barb Dennison Barb Moore	

