

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



24 DECEMBER 2021
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT

Christmas Eve – 5:45 & 10:15 pm

Walt Gaber – Organ

*Your silence is appreciated during this time of reflection.
Please refrain from applause during the program.*

Organ Settings of "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her"

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come - LBW 51 & ELW 268

Chorale Harmonization from the *Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248*
J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663 - 1712)
Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

Two Fugues on "*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*", BWV 700 & BWV 701
J. S. Bach

Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg (1718 - 1795)
Gerald Near (b. 1942)
Helmut Walcha (1907 - 1991)
Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)
Wilbur Held (1914 - 2015)



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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 6:00 & 10:30 pm



GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (6:00 pm Service)

arr. Anna Laura Page

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: for you are born on this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

☑ **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**

Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.

As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW 283

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;





 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



 come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

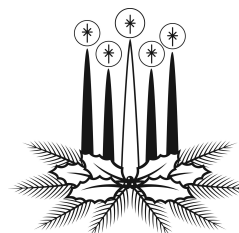
GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

- P** O God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds,
 and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us.
 Bless us with your holy presence as we remember those who have no home or place of rest.
 Be with us that we might share Christ's love with others, for he is our light and salvation.
 Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever!
- C** Amen.



Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862
 Music: GLORIA, French carol

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY (6:00 pm Service)

WORD – *"God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song."*

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.



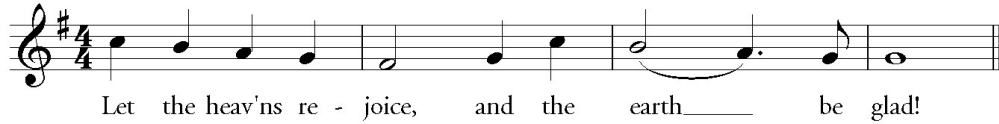
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
He is more to be feared than all gods. **R**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh the majesty and magnificence of his presence;
Oh the power and splendor of his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
He will judge the peoples with equity." **R**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD
for he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth. **R**



The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days an order went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and happened while Quirinius was ruler of Syria. ³All went into their own cities to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee into Judea, into the city of David which was called Bethlehem, because he was born from the house and family of David. ⁵He went and was registered with Mary, whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the day was fulfilled for her to bear her child. ⁷And she bore her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, watching over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰But the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹for you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"



¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said, "Let us go now into Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall (6:00 pm Service)

Pastor Moran (10:30 pm Service)

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 279

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Love whispers to a weary world that the time for rest and restoration has come. Maintain healthy cycles of wake and sleep for all creatures. Where light pollution disrupts natural rhythms, encourage new practices. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Love cries to a warring world that the time for peace is at hand. Direct those in power who make decisions on behalf of others, that they nurture and sustain all that is healthy, good, and holy. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.



A Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night. Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love, especially C. Richard Overberg. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

ANTHEM – "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Harold E. Darke

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

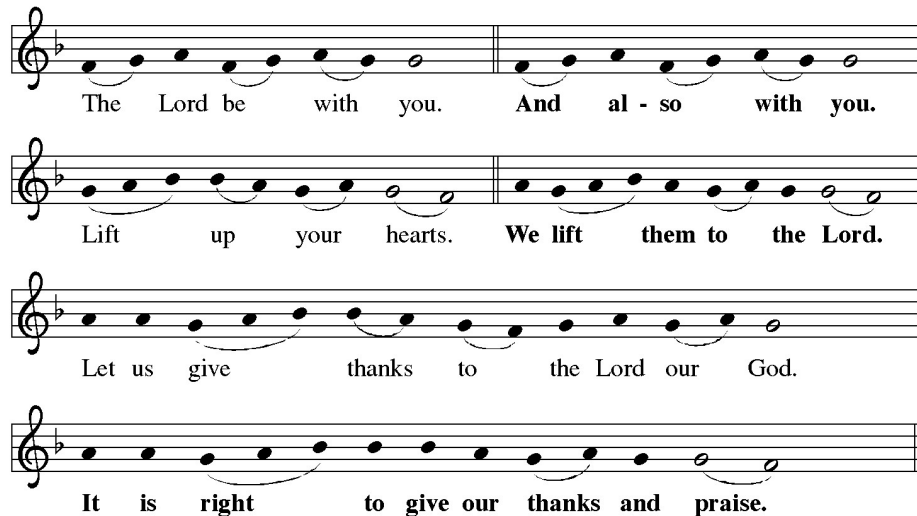
Raise, raise the song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

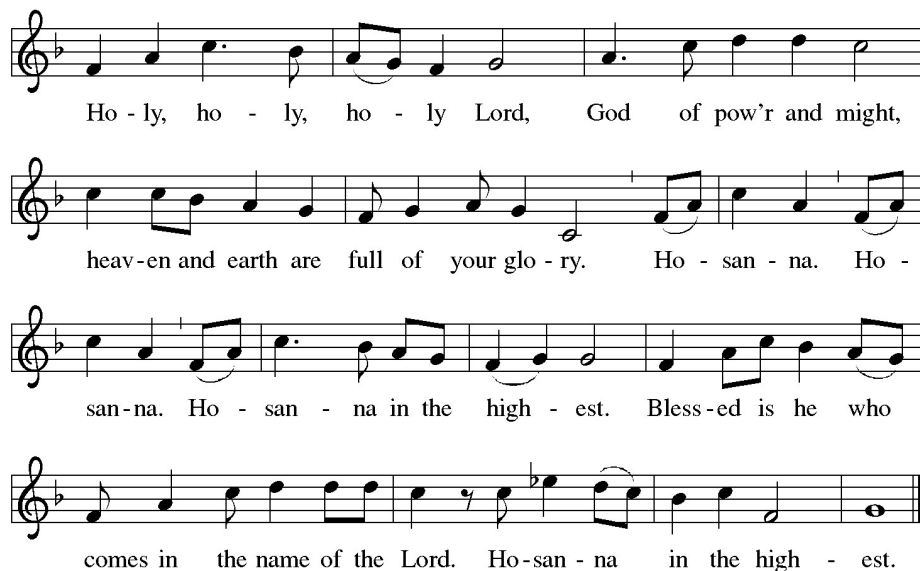
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Good and loving God,
C Your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

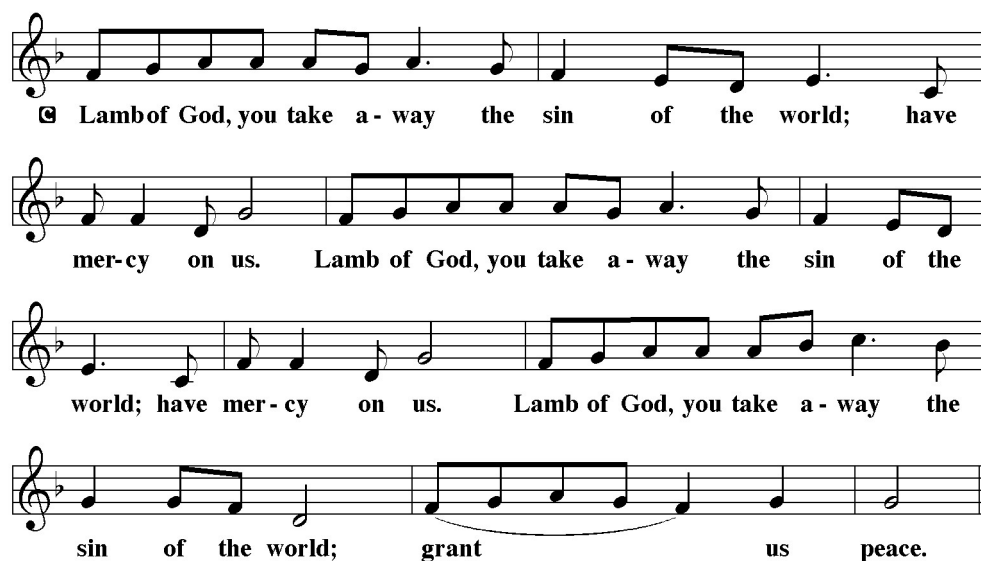
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.
- C** Amen.
- P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(6:00 pm Service)

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font. Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray. Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION

ANTHEM – "A Virgin Most Pure"

arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

(Molly & Jonathan Gaber, soloists)

*A virgin most pure, as the Prophets do tell,
Hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell,
To be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin,
Which Adam's transgression hath wrapped us all in.*

*Then God sent an Angel from heaven so high,
To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,
And bid them no longer in sorrow to stay,
Because that our Savior was born on this day.*

*Then presently after, the Shepherds did spy
A number of Angels appear in the sky;
Who joyfully talked and sweetly did sing,
"To God be all glory our Heavenly King".*

*To teach us humility all this was done,
And learn we from thence haughty pride for to shun;
A manger His cradle who came from above,
The great God of mercy, of peace, and of love.*



HYMNS FOR DISTRIBUTION

ELW 277

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
 God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
 As we have shared this feast of love,
 strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
 In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

*The usher will light the candle of the first person on each aisle in each pew. Each person, in turn,
 will pass the Light to their neighbor. The unlit candle will always be the one that is tipped.
 When all the candles are lit, we will join in the singing of "Silent Night."*

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "The First Noel / Silent Night" (6:00 pm Service)


arr. Michael Bedford

ANTHEM – "Peace, Peace" (10:30 pm Service)


Rick & Sylvia Powell

*Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
 This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.*

Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

*At the conclusion of "Silent Night," the congregation will extinguish their candles.
 You may take the candle as your remembrance of this celebration.*

SENDING – *"God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world."*

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

P The God of hope
 fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
 so that we may abound in hope
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.



Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – "Grand Choeur on Two French Carols"

César Franck (1822 - 1890)

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— SERVING THIS EVENING —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall (6:00 pm Service)
Pastor Brian Moran (10:30 pm Service)
GREETERS – Sally & Phil McAfee (6:00 pm Service)
Linda Graffius (10:30 pm Service)
Krista & Kara Partusch (10:30 pm Service)
ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham (6:00 pm Service)
Stan Rose (10:30 pm Service)
LECTOR – Lois Smith (6:00 pm Service)
Ann Flick (10:30 pm Service)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dave Griswold, Sally McAfee, Stan Rose (6:00 pm Service)
Martha & Tom Klomp (10:30 pm Service)
USHERS – Sally & Phil McAfee, Linda & Jeff Swanson (6:00 pm Service)
Ann Flick, Martha & Tom Klomp (10:30 pm Service)
LUTHER MEMORIAL CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Carol Schaal.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richard Overberg by his family.

The Lord is with us at all times; in our joys and our sadness we turn to Him for strength and comfort. As you look upon the star shining in our church tonight know that He is always with you. We thank our Luther Memorial family for their gift of this star for Christmas Eve.

"Thank You" to our choir members for their leadership in our worship services throughout the past year.

Choir

Bob Banks	Mary Laver
Patricia Boyd	Otto 'Skip' Meyn
Carol Carlson	Rose-Marie Rose
Emma Chaffee	Matt Royek
Jonathan Gaber	David Ruler
Molly Gaber	Kathy Sahlmann
Ken Kraut	Pat Young

Handbells

Christy Adams	Jonathan Gaber
Pat Bellingham	Molly Gaber
Patricia Boyd	Lynnette Gustafson
Emma Chaffee	Mary Laver
Lena Donnelly	Barb Moore
Les Fobes	Kara Partusch
Jeanne Gaber	Kathy Sahlmann

Children's Church will not be held on Sunday, December 26 and Sunday, January 2. Classes will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Church Offices will be closed December 27 and January 31.

Learning Academy students and staff return to school on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Members who have donated poinsettias may take their flowers following the 10:30pm service this evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the **single worship service at 10:30am** in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15 and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

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**MY COMMITMENT TO GOD THROUGH THE MINISTRY
OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH - YEAR 2022**

I/we commit my/our entire life in service to Jesus Christ, and therefore will offer a portion my/our annual income. I promise, with God helping me, to give to Luther Memorial’s ministry during the coming year, as follows:

\$ _____ () Weekly () Monthly

Name _____

Address _____
(Please detach from bulletin and add to the offering plate.)

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Tim Houston	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie & A. J. Chandler			

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Roger Maki	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Karen Botwright	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Noni Bennett	Ashlynn Rowane	Dion Clemente	

Grief:

Kevin Kraut family	Al Latronica family	Robert Peterson family	Betit family
Pastor Al Gesler family	Richard Thorn family		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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