

First United Lutheran Church

3481 Campus Loop Road
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*To you is
born this
day a* **Savior**
LUKE 2:11

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD I: CHRISTMAS EVE, YEAR B

6:00 pm Drive-In Service
Sunday, December 24, 2020

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at First United Lutheran Church today. Please fill out the “Welcome Card” located on the table as you come to communion. The liturgy is online on the church website (www.fulc.org). Please tune your car radio to 98.1 MHz (FULC Radio) to hear the service. When it comes time for communion, please wear your mask and maintain the proper 6 feet or more spacing between persons. Thank you.

PRELUDE *“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”*

Nathan Green

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

P: On this Holy night, we gather to worship in celebration of the birth of our Savior. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

CHRISTMAS GREETING (based on John 1 and Isaiah 9)

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P: May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Joy to The World”* ELW 267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: FLASH YOUR HEADLIGHTS.

P: 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.

C: Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2–7

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

“Mary Did You Know”

Delaney Caslow

SECOND READING Titus 2:11–14

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

“Oh Holy Night”

Nathan Green

GOSPEL TEXT Luke 2:1-7

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

HYMN *“What Child is This”*

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE PRAYERS

A: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

A: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

A: Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

C: Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

A: Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

C: Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

A: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

A: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

A: God grant our petitions.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: HONK YOUR HORN.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you wish please get out of your car and stand next to it so we can all participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS ELW, Pg. 144

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER

P: And now we are bold to pray.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Behold the Lamb of God who bears away the sin of the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE: *When coming up for communion, please hold your lit candle and sing the first verse of "Silent Night".*

HYMN OF LIGHT *"Silent Night, Holy Night!"* vs. 1

1 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace to eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ⁷He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ⁸He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ⁹But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹⁰who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹¹And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN OF LIGHT *“Silent Night, Holy Night!”* vs. 2 & 3

- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

Refrain

- 1 Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
- 2 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING

A: Unto us a Savior is born. Alleluia!

C: Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. God is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *“Merry Christmas”* by A. Templeton



Christmas Eve by Candlelight Servants

Pastor: Randy Jones

Worship Assistant: Norm Kendrick

Reader: Trudy Kendrick

Candle Lighters: Assata & Bryana Kendrick

Musicians: Charlie Hairston & Ben Wadsworth



Jesus
is the
REASON
for the
Season

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for joining us in worship tonight.
Please join us again this Sunday, December 27th
for Drive-in Worship at 9:30 am!

