

December 17, 2023

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Prelude

O Holy Night By Alolphe Adam

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Silent Night

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 80:1-2

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

***Hymn of Praise**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 203

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:16-21

(Pew pg. 150/LP pg. 189)

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father,

We have sinned against you countless times this week in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Instead of seeking your glory in all things, we have sought to rob you of that glory by taking credit for that which only you can produce. Forgive us, our God, and build us up in our faith, that we might know our sin better, repent of our sins with heartfelt sorrow, and to pursue more fervently your holiness and our sanctification with renewed hearts and will. Only you can work this in us, so we ask that your Holy Spirit continue to abide in us and to work grace in our lives, for your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-80

(Pew pg. 856/LP pg. 1068)

Heidelberg Catechism #29-30

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Saviour?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

30. Q. Do those believe in the only Saviour Jesus who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, in themselves, or anywhere else?

A. No. Though they boast of Him in words, they in fact deny the only Saviour Jesus. For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Saviour, or those who by true faith accept this Saviour must find in Him all that is necessary for their salvation.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Lo How A Rose E're Blooming

*Doxology

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 201

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Sermon

The Annunciation

Luke 2:8-14(Pew pg. 857/LP pg. 1069)

1. Glory

2. Peace

3. Pleasing God

Questions:

1. Why is it difficult to define a word such as “glory”?
2. How have you attempted to steal God’s glory this week?
3. Where in creation are you looking to satisfy the hunger for glory that only God can satisfy?
4. What can you do to be more aware of the glorious world that God created for you to live in?

***Hymn of Response** *Go, Tell It On The Mountain* No. 224
Find in Trinity Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri** No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.
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Postlude *Away in a Manger*

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Musician Cathy Reed
Intercessory Prayer Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/17

9:20 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service

After Service

Youth Choir Practice
(20 mins in the blue room)
Adult Choir Practice
(20 mins in blue room)

Details in
announcements

Shepherding Group (SW)

SUN 12/24

No Sunday School

Christmas Eve

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5 PM

Christmas Eve Service

SUN 12/31

No Sunday School

New Year's Eve

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5 PM

Hymn Sing

Serving the Lord

	12/17	12/24	12/31	1/7
AM Nursery	Deanna Curtis & Lorrie Martin	Beth Siderius & Cordie Armstrong	Grace Martin & Robbin Kern	Cassy Erickson & Angela Collins
Greeters	Connie Eenigenburg	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

Announcements

- **Shepherding Groups:** TODAY (only SW group). Details below.

❖ **South/West (Martin/Curtis)**

Sunday Dec 17th at 4:00pm at the Martin residence.

- **Choir:** The youth group Christmas Choir practice today. The adult choir will also meet today briefly following the youth practice in the blue room.
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Save the date- our next hymn sing will be on Dec 31st (new year's eve). Hymn request sheet on the welcome desk.
- **Poinsettia Sign up:** If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memorial for Christmas Eve please sign up at the welcome desk and pay by cash or check labeled Poinsettia.