

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

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FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30 PM, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00, Sunday (11:00 livestreamed)

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GROWING IN GOD (September - May), 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings in the nursery. Weekly nursery attendant is Amy Johnson. The service is broadcast to the narthex which you are invited to use as a cry room. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

PRELUDES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Lesson

Luke 2:1-5

O Little Town of Bethlehem



- 1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
- 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
- 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
- 4 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;

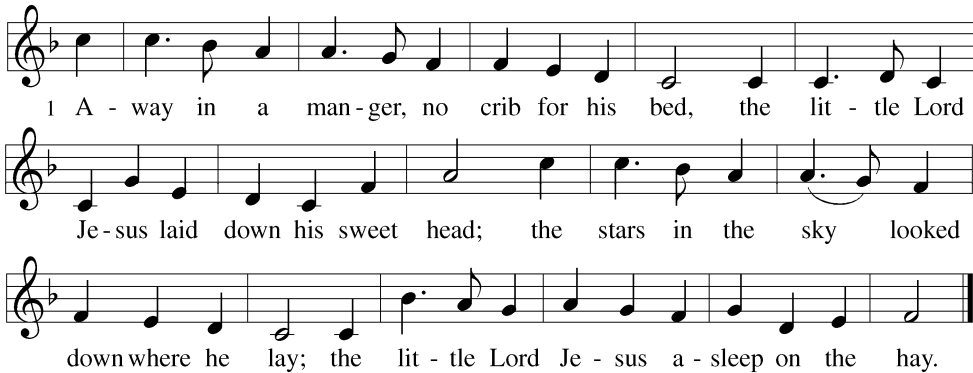


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

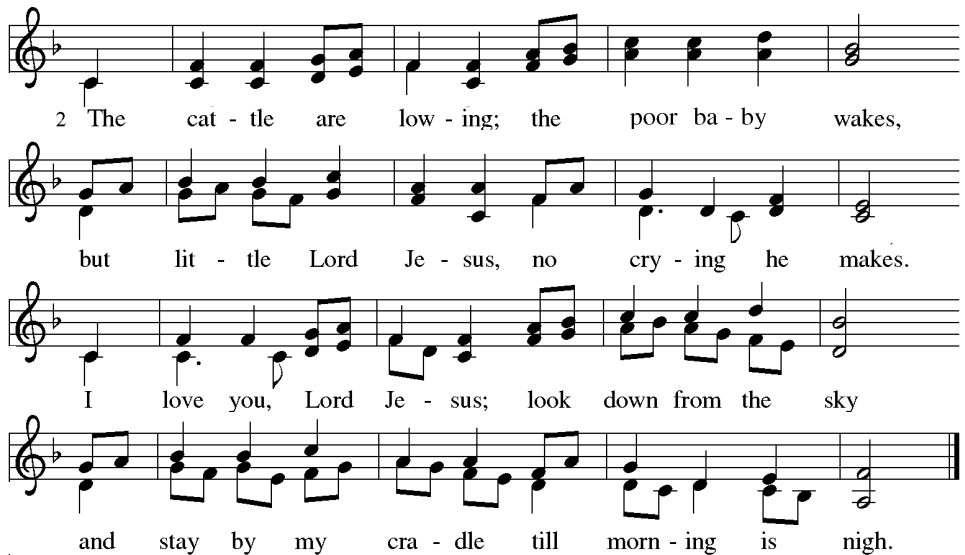
The Second Lesson

Luke 1:6-7

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.



2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.



3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

The Third Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing!
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.


The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:15-20


Go Tell It On The Mountain




Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry- where;—



Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born. While
The
Down




shep-herds kept their watch-ing Over si - lent flocks by night, Be -
shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! A - bove the earth, Rang -
in a low - ly man - ger Our hum-ble Christ was born, And



hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.____
out the an - gel chor-us That hailed our Sav - ior's birth:____
God sent us sal - va - tion, That bles - sed Christ-mas morn:____



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry- where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

P The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. Draw near to those who are ill or long for healing, especially Martha, George, Carol, Edith, Chuck, Rosalind, Ruth, Cindy, Dorothy, Kerri, Martha, Richard, Lori, Ray, Mandy, Gary, Marilyn, Casey, Tim, Kathy and those we name out loud and in our hearts. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all who gather to worship on this day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

C Amen.

The Fifth Lesson
Matthew 1:18-21

I Wonder As I Wander

1 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how
2 When Mar - y birthed . . . Je - sus, all in a cow's stall, came
3 If Je - sus had . . . want - ed for an - y wee thing, a
4 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how

Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like
wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all, and high from the heav - ens a
star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's an - gels in
Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like

you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
star's light did fall; the prom - ise of the a - ges it then did re - call.
heav'n for to sing, he sure - ly could have had it, 'cause he was the king.
you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to the 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 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.

With this bread and cup we remember
your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and eat. Christ meets you here.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread. For those who require it, grape juice is available instead of wine in the prefilled, purple glasses in the communion cup trays.

Stand

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Sixth Lesson
Matthew 2:1-12

Stand

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023, New Year’s Day

10:00 AM Worship, Lessons and Carols

MONDAY, January 2, 2023, Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 3, 2023

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

6:00 PM Young Adults Dinner with Pastor Kerri (El Campesino)

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2023

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

10:00 AM Remove and Pack Christmas Decorations

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, January 5, 2023

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

FRIDAY, January 6, 2023

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

5:30 PM Epiphany Party (Kindergarten-6th Grade)

SATURDAY, January 7, 2023

5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY, January 8, 2023, Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

9:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Growing in God

11:00 AM Worship

3:30-5:00 PM Ice-Skating at South Park Rink (7th-12th Grade)

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2023 10am (between Sunday services)

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 10am. Copies of the annual report will be available on January 20. All Committee Reports are due into the church office no later than January 9. Included on the agenda for the annual meeting is Election of Council Members, Election of Endowment Board Members, Approval of the 2023 Budget and Changes to the Bylaws of the Mission Endowment Fund.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Martha Rhone and family on the death of her mother, Mary Rhone; Gerda and Larry Moul and family on the death of Gerda's brother-in-law, Bernie Solo; George Andrewson; Carol Ausefski; Edith Bencic; Chuck and Rosalind Bieri; Ruth Brosky; Cindy Cox; Dorothy Dillemoth; Kerri Evans; Martha Fecher; Richard and Lori Gajdowski; Ray Hrabar; Mandy Jarosh; Gary McGaffic; Marilyn Melvin; Casey Moran on his deployment; Tim Roberts; Kathy Russman; and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, George Andrewson Sr., Marjorie Appleton, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Bob Bell, Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Carolyn Dagg, Ellen Deutsch, D. T. Emery, Kim Gaydos, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Norma Gower, Marion Greenland, Lisa Grimes, Mickey Gubitti, Robert Hildebrand, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Ray Keisling, June Lance, Gordon and Diane Ley, Jess Ley, Elizabeth Locher, Mildred Maize, Megan Meseck, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Linda Moeslein, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Kathy Oberle, Brad Olson, Jean Orth, Tracey Perles, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Phyllis Rhone, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Joe Sarubbi, Dave Schrader, Meryl Severson, Bob Shader, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Donna Stafford, Diane Steffick, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Tina Thielet, Deb Thompson, Barb Van Lehn, Art W., Dave Weikel, Rhianna Wilk, and Frank Yocca.

Decoration Removal . . . Your help is needed to remove and pack away the Christmas decorations. We will work on Wednesday, January 4 beginning at 10am. Please come by and lend a hand.

Retirement Party . . . Pastor Schmid's retirement party will be on Sunday January 29 at 3pm. Anyone interested in helping should call the office or party coordinators Suzanne Kennedy (412-337-9267) and Kim Maize (724-986-1527).

Dining Out Divas . . . The ladies will enjoy lunch at Juniper Grill in McMurray on Thursday, January 12 at 12:30. Sign up online or on the bulletin board.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Project for all ages . . . We will be making meals for the City Mission on Monday, January 16. You can participate in three ways: make a monetary donation toward meal ingredients, come to the church kitchen at 10am on Monday, January 16 to cook the meals, or deliver the frozen meals to the City Mission sometime that week. See the bulletin board sign-up sheet.

Children, Youth, College Students and Young Adults

Epiphany Party – K-6th graders and their families are invited to bring your dinner and join us on **Friday, January 6 at 5:30pm** for a story, scavenger hunt, and games as we celebrate Epiphany and learn about the Magi visiting baby Jesus!

Youth Ice Skating – 7th-12th graders - join Pastor Kerri for ice skating at the South Park Ice Rink on **Sunday, January 8 from 3:30-5pm**. Note that the session goes from 3-6pm if you want to stay longer!

Youth Group - 7th-12th graders - we'll gather on **Sunday, January 22 from 4:30-6:15pm** to cook and eat dinner together (tacos!) and play games! Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm.

Young Adult Gathering – Young adults (age 18-25ish) are invited to meet Pastor Kerri for dinner on **Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm** at El Campesino (4093 Washington Rd, McMurray).

Super Bowl Packages - We are collecting individually wrapped snacks to send to our college students in time for the February 12 Super Bowl. Donations can be dropped off through January 29.

Sign up for all events on the bulletin board or online.

Christmas Decorations Donations

*The Barczak Family in memory of our parents Harry and Jo-Anne Thieret ,
John and Connie Barczak*

The Barczak Family in memory of brother, John C. Barczak

Jim Beaumont in memory of Bernadette Wittman

Jim Beaumont in memory of Matthew Wittman

Linda Blanker in honor of my grandchildren

Missy Bookhammer in memory of Tom McCollum

Missy Bookhammer in honor of the Wold Family

Dave and Tina Borra in thanksgiving for good health, family, and friends

Carol Brandyberry in memory of Ed Handshue

*Maegan and Jim Bregenser, Jr. in honor of our children: Hardy and Amanda
Kern-Carberry, Kelsey Kern and Patrick Gallagher, Jimmy Bregenser,
Mary Bregenser, and Leah Kern*

Ruth Brosky in memory of loved ones

Brian and Laura Casper in celebration of our Savior's birth

Grace and Jacob Casper in thanksgiving for our wonderful Grandma

*Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha Clementson in memory of Helen and Clarence
Clementson*

*Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha Clementson in memory of The Rev. Gilson C.
and Lois Waldkoenig*

Larry and Patti Day in memory of Margaret and Yutie Vukovcan

Larry and Patti Day in memory of Marty and Richard Day

Mike and Cheryl Debowski in thanksgiving for the promise of Christmas

The Divelbliss Family in memory of Terry L. Divelbliss

Janet Elliott in memory of Norman W. Elliott

Janet Elliott in memory of Dorothy Uhlemann

Dylan and Delanie George in memory of Albert Brown and Edith Brown

Karen Glass in memory of my father, Larry Wagner

Shar and Ed Hancock in memory of Edward and Patty Hancock

Shar and Ed Hancock in memory of Irene Sherman

*Jennifer Wilson Hewitt in loving memory of her dear parents, Paul and
Beverly Wilson*

Dan, Becky, Isaac, and Owen Hilderhoff in memory of Lavinia Lehman

Dan, Becky, Isaac, and Owen Hilderhoff in memory of Anna Heasley

Leigh Ann Izzi in celebration of Pastor Schmid

Keith, Courtney and Aubrie Kartman in memory of Angie Kazmeraski

Jean Mace in memory of Bill Mace

Ginny Mickitsch in memory of John Mickitsch
Ginny Mickitsch in memory of Mark and Judy Dubich
John and Nancy Mizia in celebration of our wonderful family
Larry and Gerda Moul in honor and in gratitude for our children and grandchildren
Phyllis J. Permar in memory of my parents, Myrtle and Harry Johnson
Phyllis J. Permar in memory of my husband, Edward J. Permar, Jr.
Alan and Donna Schaefer in memory of Grant Schaefer
Bob and Carol Shader in memory of Detta Shader
Bob and Carol Shader in memory of George and Antoinette Ranii
Fred and Barb Smith in memory of our parents: Fred and Lois Smith, Howard and Betty Schumacher
Fred and Barb Smith in thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Olivia, Wyatt, Landon, Liam, Gunnar and Summerlee
Sharon Snyder in memory of family and friends
Larry and Susan Steffick in memory of Paul and Vica Steffick
Larry and Susan Steffick in memory of Charles and Emma Mayer
Jim and Kathy Tomamichel in celebration of our grandchildren Dylan and Beckham

Thank You



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THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (JANUARY 1)

10:00 AM

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Barb Hrabar, Gary and Jen Milavec, Linda Nickles,
Phyllis Permar

USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance

ALTAR GUILD - Barb Hrabar and Sue Lambert

POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness

CAMERA - Sam Mizia