



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped
him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, ...
Luke 2:7

Children's Christmas Eve Service

Augsburg Lutheran Church
845 West Fifth Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

December 24, 2017
5:00 P.M.

✠ GATHERING ✠

GATHERING MUSIC

Christmas Carols
Rachel Baynes and Zachary Olsen

GATHERING HYMN 283 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Children are encouraged to ring their bells during the final stanza.

INVOCATION

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Children are encouraged to ring their bells during each refrain.

We sit.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

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

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

HYMN OF PRAISE 289 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Children are encouraged to ring their bells during each refrain.

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He 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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Stanzas 1 & 2

MENDELSSOHN

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Stanza 3

MENDELSSOHN

We sit.

Children 10 and under are encouraged to participate at the front of the sanctuary.

NICENE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

This night the eternal Word of God is born in us. We pray for Christ's light of life to take flesh in the church, the creation, and all people of God.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY O Come, All Ye Faithful

David Schelat

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

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!

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love,
we give thanks to you
that you illumine our way through life
with the words of your Son.

Give us that light we need,
awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feasts;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

HYMN 281 Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 267 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata on "Joy to the World"

Craig Phillips

*Hodie Christus natus est!
Today Christ is born!*

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*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

—Christina Rossetti

—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—

December 24 – Christmas Eve Children’s Worship

**Children are encouraged to bring bells*

5:00 P.M.

*December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion*

7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Music begins at 7:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.

December 25 – Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

10:30 A.M.

December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas—Services with Holy Communion

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

—THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—

January 7 – Baptism of Our Lord—Festival Services with Holy Communion

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

January 7 – Epiphany Chili Cook-off

5:30 P.M.

January 7 – Epiphany Vespers

7:00 P.M.



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