

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

December 25, 2014

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

CHOIR: “Good News from Heaven” by Peter Tkach

***CAROL:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* – Hymn 283 (vs. 1, 4)

***GREETING:**

P: The grace and peace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,
born of Mary, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

CAROL: *Love Has Come* – Hymn 292 (vs. 1, 3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHOIR: “Sing We Noel” - Arranged by Dash

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7—10

L: A reading from Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (*To be read responsively*)

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1—12

L: A reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?
Or again,
"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed
you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,
"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Hymn
270 (vs. 1, 3)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL: John 1:1—14**

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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CAROL: *That Boy-Child of Mary* – Hymn 293

SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson

Silence for meditation

***CAROL: *The First Noel* - Hymn 300 (vs. 1, 5)**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

*(Each petition ends with P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.)*

***PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

♪ **OFFERTORY:** *As with Gladness Men of Old* – Hymn 302

♪ As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,

pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray.

Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CAROL: *From Heaven Above*

♪ From heav'n above to earth I come
to bring good news to ev'ry home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing.

“Glory to God in highest heav'n
who unto us the Son has giv'n.”
With angels sing in pious mirth:
a glad new year to all the earth!

♪ ***GREAT THANKSGIVING** - page 144

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: “Holy, holy, holy Lord,...” - page 144

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION** – page 132

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end,...

Do, this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: 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.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Amen.

***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.

COMMUNION

♪ *"Lamb of God..."* – page 146

COMMUNION

(All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be served in a continuous manner. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. White grape juice is available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.)

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 279: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn 286 “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord Are We”

Hymn 296 “What Child Is This”

Hymn 278 “Away in a Manger”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May you glory in the birth of the Son of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen

CAROL: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* – Hymn 290

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray.

♪ **Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay
close by us forever and love us, we pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven To live with you there. Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

P: May the God who comes from heaven above be born in your hearts and lives this day and always.

C: Amen

***CAROL:** *Angels We Have Heard On High* – Hymn 289

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

(*) indicates congregation stands, if able

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Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back again.

**Good news from heaven the angels
bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.**

- Martin Luther

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