

Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve Jazz Service
December 24, 2024
7:00 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

We are glad that you have joined us to herald the birth of Christ on this holy night. We encourage worshippers to follow the service which is projected on the screen. However, printed bulletins are provided to help guide you as well. If you have any difficulty following along, just ask one of your neighbors.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger

arr. Paul Clark

Jazz Ensemble

The assembly stands as able.

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Tonight, we light the Christ candle, the large white candle in the center of the Advent wreath. This candle radiates the hope of Jesus Christ to all who are willing to receive it.

Here is good news of great joy, for all people:

God has rescued us from the domain of darkness,

and brought us into the realm of Christ,

in whom our release is secured,

and our sins are forgiven.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has never captured it.

The Christ candle is lit.

*GATHERING CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW#289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

May good news of great joy be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —

on them light has shined.

⁶For 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.

⁷His 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.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,
¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in
the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright,
and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the
manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus
Christ. ¹⁴He 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.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

***GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. ²This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph
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. ⁵He went to be registered with
Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a

child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

[¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

Refrain



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!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Creator of the Universe.

You trust us with the earth.

**Teach us to care for your creation,
and to share its resources with all.**

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

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

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

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

**We pray especially for those on our prayer list,
and those known only in our hearts.**

Blessed are you, Resurrected Christ.

You grow up to conquer the grave.

Give hope to all who mourn.

Give peace to those missing a loved one this holiday.

Blessed are you, Son of God.

You come among us as Emmanuel.

**Go with us, all our days, and help us to tell others
of your good news in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***PEACE**

As the angels sing glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth, may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.

During this flu season, please remember that it is appropriate to greet each other and pass the peace verbally. You are invited to use the hand sanitizers that are available in each pew as needed.

The assembly is seated.

THE OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering, which supports the ongoing ministries of Grace church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Paul Clarke

Jazz Ensemble

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

The assembly stands as able.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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**

Lord, be near us as we boldly 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.

***INVITATION**

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Those communing in their seats and at home are led through each element.

The assembly stands as able.

***BLESSING AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

Amen.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

Following the Litany and Prayer, the light is carried into the midst of the congregation, representing the Light of Christ coming into the world. Light your candle by tilting it towards the lighted candle.

Lighted candles are never tilted to prevent hot wax from dripping.

***LITANY AND PRAYER**

Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

Christ is the World's true Light, on our paths and in our lives.

Receive the light and let its warmth and glow be in your hearts this night.

The glory of the Lord shines around us on this night.

God of bright and shining stars, may the light of the stars which sparkled in those dark skies so long ago, again illuminate our lives, guiding, healing, leading us to you. As we gather in this time and place, hearing the story of the holy birth, let the Light of Jesus penetrate our darkness of sin, loneliness and turmoil, reminding us again that you are born continually in our lives. In gratitude we offer our praise and our love to you.

Amen.

CAROLSilent Night, Holy Night!*

ELW 281



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING***BLESSING**

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

Amen.

*Upon the conclusion of the blessing,
 please blow out your candle using your hand as a shield.*

Do not tip the candle until the wax has cooled.

*SENDING CAROL

Joy to the World

ELW#267, vs 1, 2, 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

*DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace.
Proclaim this good news and Merry Christmas!
Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Paul Clarke

Jazz Ensemble

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister..... Randy Easton
Acolyte Logan Walker
Communion Assistants Tom Blackburn, Marti Bert
Lector..... Karen Jury
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman

Jazz Ensemble

Joel Ryder drums
Pastor Chad Butz trumpet
Liam Camasi trumpet
Scott Swartzelltenor saxophone
Noah Musselman trombone
Emily Hartman..... piano

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the staff and congregation of Grace Lutheran Church, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and a most joyous New Year.

May the peace of Christ assure you of God’s steadfast presence.

May the hope of Christ carry you through times of darkness into light.

May the love of Christ fill your heart with abundant gratitude.

May the light of Christ shine brightly in your life to be a beacon of light and hope for those who live in darkness.

Merry Christmas from Pastor Chad Butz

Join us in worship to continue the celebration of the Birth of Jesus in Word and Sacrament. All worship services offer Holy Communion.

- Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm
First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons & Carols (abbreviated liturgy)
- Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 9:30 am
First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons & Carols
- Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm
Epiphany of Our Lord (abbreviated liturgy)
- Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 9:30 am
Epiphany of Our Lord

After the holidays, our regular worship schedule is:

- Saturdays in the chapel, 5:00 pm, abbreviated liturgy
- Sundays in the main sanctuary, 9:30 am, liturgy with Chancel choir/bells

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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