

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 25, 2022  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA



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### Order of Worship

Christmas Prelude

The Day Proclaimed...

Welcome/Invocation

Song

# 283

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer

A Reading from John 1: 1-10

Christmas Litany

L: Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!

**C: Not as a judge, but a Savior, not in power, but as a servant.**

L: Wonder of wonders, God comes to us!

**C: Not in silence, but in the Word made flesh; not in the shadows, but bringing light.**

L: Wonder of wonders!

**C: God is with us!**

Song

# 270

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

A Reading- Matthew 1: 18-25

“The Forgotten Man”

We Confess our Need for a Savior

**C: We confess we are people in need of a Savior. We have been to the manger but we serve other gods. We have seen the star but we look in other places for our salvation. We have said “yes” to the baby Jesus but we say “no” to the suffering servant calling us to commitment. Forgive our sin and give us a new beginning.**

## We Hear the Good News of Christmas

L: The God of all the universe has turned creation toward Bethlehem, to see a lowly manger where Jesus began his life of servanthood and suffering. This humble baby comes as the Christ to save everyone from their sin and separation. Today we hear the angels singing, “Glory to God in the Highest” as our forgiveness is made possible in Jesus, the Messiah.

Song # 292

“Love Has Come”

## Christmas Sermon

Song # 296

“What Child Is This”

## Prayers of the Church-

“Away in a manger” #277

## Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of our New Born Savior be with you always.

**C: And also, with you.**

## Invitation to the Offering

L: Come before the Christ child. Bring all that you are and all that you hope to be. Offer your gifts in wonder and surprise and awe. Offer you gifts in joy and delight.

## Offering

## Offering Prayer

## God’s Giving Continues...

## Lord’s Prayer

## Sharing the Meal

## Communion Blessing

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## Christmas Blessing

God has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light,  
may we all experience God's blessing this holy day,  
and be strong in faith, hope, and love.

We have gathered today in the promise.

A glimmer of the Light from heaven has come to shine in our darkness.  
May God make us a light of hope to all people.

Just as the shepherds heard the angel's song,  
and found the baby Christ in the manger.  
May Christ find us on this Christmas day.

Song

# 289

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Sending

L: Go in peace. Spread the news the angels told. Tell the world: Your Savior  
is here!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



# Announcements

## December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Merry Christmas!** *Thank you for visiting us today.* If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are **Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm.** ***The church will be closed tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>) for Christmas Holiday.***

**PRAYER:** You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

**GOOD GIFTS ORNAMENTS:** We continue to collect funds during coffee to purchase a couple Good Gifts farm animals as a church family. Thank you for supporting this fun effort to make a difference in the world through the Good Gifts ministry of ELCA!

**NATIVITY PHOTO BOOTH:** Check out our nativity scene in the Fellowship Hall. **Parents:** *You and your children are welcome to put on a costume outfit from the table for a picture!*

**CLOTHING SALE DONATIONS:** You may bring in donated clothing for next spring's clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**COLD WEATHER CLOTHESLINE:** If you are bringing winter clothing to be put out now, you may place your donated winter items outside the west wing entrance in the boxes or on the clothes rack. Jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, gloves & mittens, and scarves are welcome. *If there is no room outside, the west wing Library Room has a table to store jackets, etc. to be put out when there is room.*

**HELP UKRAINE** 🏠 **CURRENTLY, THERE IS A CHALLENGE FROM A CHURCH IN WISCONSIN WHO WILL DOUBLE OUR GIVING THROUGH CHRISTMAS, WITH LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** –Send donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. You may also call LWR @ 800-638-3522. **Please continue to pray for peace, protection, and provisions.***

**PRAYER CHAIN:** You may call Ginny Ahrlin @ 218-749-0056, prayer chain leader for Oct., Nov., Dec. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt P., Ross-(needs your prayers to recover from infection, needs eye surgery & transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Marlene K.(bronchitis), Avery(heart), Bettie S.(covid), Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Carolyn, Raymon(blood circulation), Marlene S., Cliff(post-

surgery), Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria(cancer), Bob & Wife (ALS). *Please be in prayer for the friends and family of Mary Yapel, at her passing.*

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP:** Today's worship is sponsored by two families. Chris & Bill Culbert are sponsoring in thankfulness to God for their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. *Happy Anniversary!* Judy & Dan Peliska are sponsoring in honor & memory of Grace Peliska. Last week's worship was sponsored by Nina Kampf, in loving memory of her husband, Dan. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship broadcast in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or in partial at \$45. Just call the +church office, and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the blue bulletin board by the fountain. Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities or at home and unable to attend in person thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM.

\*Tomorrow is a holiday for church staff and the church will be closed. We will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week. We hope you'll enjoy the first week of Christmas with family & friends~ *Merry Christmas*

