

Christmas Day - Lands Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. December 25, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn.....“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”.....#133

Call to Worship

L: Come let us worship and bow down, for Christ has been born in a manger!

C: We praise His name as the Chosen Messiah and rejoice at the goodness of God!

Christmas Litany

L: As was prophesied long ago, a Savior and Chosen Redemer would come

C: In God's own time, and in His way, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

L: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: We beheld Him as the Only Begotten of the Father

L: For the Law was given through Moses

C: But grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

L: Today we welcome the Newborn King!

C: We give honor to the Prince of Peace!

L: Kings and princes will bow down and bring gifts from afar

C: Many will hear his Name and have hope

L: He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

C: Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace

L: Let us worship and adore Him.

All: Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace and goodwill towards men!

Confession of Sins C: Almighty God, Before you all hearts are opened, all desires are known and no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you with a whole heart and praise your everlasting Name. We acknowledge that we have a sinful nature, and instead of doing good, we have often done wrong. Grant us forgiveness, according to the grace and mercy that comes through your Son, Jesus. Help us to live a righteous and holy life. In His Name we pray, Amen.

First Lesson **Isaiah 52:7-10** **7** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**8** The voice of your watchmen--they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**9** Break

forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.**10** 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.

Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear

#128

Second Lesson **Hebrews 1:1-6** **1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,**2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**4** having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**5** For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?**6** And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

#157

Gospel **John 1:1-14** **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**2** He was in the beginning with God.**3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.**7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.**8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.**9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.**11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.**12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,**13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Chris

Special Music "Come On and Ring Those Bells" Lands Bell Choir

Sermon "The Birth of Joy" John 1:1-14 Pastor Chris

Offering Hymn "Joy to the World" #125

Words of Institution and Holy Communion

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn "Silent Night" #147

Benediction

Postlude "Jingle Bells" Lands Bell Choir

Please remember in prayer: Sue Sandvig, Orville & Carol Sorlie, Alan Perry, Lynn Rodway, Gary Johnson, Barb Gillespie, Don Paulson, special prayers for Emmerson Paulson, Norm Gravely, Sharon Dominisse, Cassandra Sunderland (Niece of Mary Eliason), all those experiencing hardships due to the flooding in our communities as well as large parts of the Midwest, our Nation, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Upcoming Worship Opportunity

Sunday, Dec. 29th 10:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Romsdal

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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