



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
9:00am Christmas Day



2001 80th Street, Kenosha, WI
December 25, 2022



MERRY CHRISTMAS! JESUS CHRIST IS BORN THIS DAY!

We are Thankful you joined us for Worship!

Please know that **St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL!** This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

Welcome

Prelude

From Heaven Above: A Service for Christmas Day

Martin Luther based his carol "From heaven above" (ELW 268) on a refrain used for a sixteenth-century singing game. In the game, the song sets up a riddle to be solved. Within the nativity story, who would have proclaimed this text?

"From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing."

In the hymn, the stanzas in quotation marks become the words of the angels rejoicing at Jesus' birth, while the other stanzas offer commentary and prayers. By sending Jesus into our world, God answers the riddle of sin and our human condition. We are set free to proclaim with the angels: "Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given."

Gathering Song

Hymn #269 "Once in Royal David's City"

Dialogue

Who are these angels who come to earth,
bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?

Who are these shepherds who run to see,
and worship the babe on bended knee?

Who is this child, so small, so slight,
of whom the angels sang that night?

Who is this king, a manger his throne,
who humbles himself to make us his own?

Who is this God who sends a Son
into our midst, the promised one?

Greeting and Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God sent from heaven above,
be with you all.

And also with you.



Let us pray.

Incarnate God, on this Christmas Day we give
you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness.

Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may
sing your praises in our hearts and lives.

Amen.

Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?

(Pew Bible Page)

Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

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Glory to God in highest heaven,

who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn #268 "*From Heaven Above*" stanzas 1-3

Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?

Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

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Glory to God in highest heaven,

who unto us the Son has given.

stanzas 4-6

Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight?

Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

pgs. 970-971

Glory to God in highest heaven,

who unto us the Son has given.

stanzas 7-9

Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

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Glory to God in highest heaven,

who unto us the Son has given

stanzas 10-11

Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?

Lesson: John 1:1-14

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Glory to God in highest heaven,

who unto us the Son has given

stanzas 12-14

Meditation

Hymn of the Day

Hymn #289 "*Angels We Have Heard on High*"

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.

Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.

You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.

Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.

You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.

You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

May we see your glory, full of grace and truth.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Song

Hymn #295 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" vs. 1, 3, 5

Offering Prayer

Good and loving God, 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.

Preface

Acclamation and Amen

Tune: Hymn #275 "*Angels from the Realms of Glory*"

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy,
God of pow'r and God of might:
heav'n and earth reveal your glory.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!
Blessed be the coming Savior.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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 to Communion

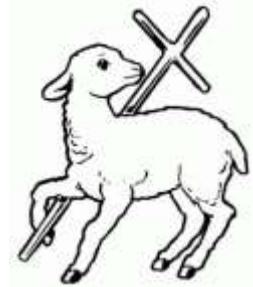
Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

Communion Song

Tune:

Hymn #271 "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.



Communion

Distribution Songs

Hymn #292 "Love Has Come"
Hymn #267 "Joy to the World"

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
we give you thanks for the gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus
Christ. Send us out into your world to proclaim with joy:

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given. Amen.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Song

Hymn #290 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with us.

Thanks be to God.

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- Assisting Minister.....Julie Schmit
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- Greeter:Margaret Van Boven
- Ushers:Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Dan Neururer, Carole Scotese, and/or friends