

1st Sunday after Christmas
28 December 2025
5:00 PM- Livestream



Worship Team- 5:00 PM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan

Audio/Visual- Adelio Havens

Assisting Minister- Julio Quiñones

Children's Ministry-

Coffee Hour-

Communion Servers-

Council Person- Dawn Stafford

Equipping Minister-

Healing Minister- Maureen Hopson

Musicians- Christine Buckstead, Mark Lund, Martha McDermott, Christian Rossa, & Oscar Sample

Parking Lot-

PP7- Jill Bentler & Bill Kees

Set up Team-

Ushers-

Welcome Table- Mary Schweder

Band Leader- Becky Brown & Matt Brown

AV Guide-

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Blue Highlight w/ White Text = video

Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Intro

Emmanuel God with Us
Chris Tomlin and Jason Ingram

CCLI Song #7183147

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Welcome

Josh Edwards

Josh welcomes congregation to worship:

- *Thank you for joining us today at Faith Lutheran Church, mine name is Josh, and I'll be guiding you through our service tonight.*
- *At any point during the music, if you feel moved to respond to God's Word, there is someone ready to pray one-on-one with you for whatever is on your heart. If you'd want that reminder of the light of Christ in your life, you're also welcome to come up any time and light a candle. And if you want to remember the promises of God's love given to you in baptism, come forward to the water of baptism, dip your fingers in and use the water to make the sign of the cross by which Christ claimed you forever.*
- *We are blessed to have __, ____, ____, and __, leading us in our musical worship tonight. Let's thank them (applause), and then stand as you feel moved, and lift up your hearts and your arms as we give thanks to God.*

Music

Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Songs will flow together and there will be not stop-AV be prepared to go right into the next song.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Eric Owyong arr. Dustin Loehrs

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Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Verse 2

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 3

O come, desire of nations, bind

In one the hearts of all mankind,
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease.
And be Thyself our king of peace.

Chorus

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Instrumental

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What Child Is This?
Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sermon Response

Josh Edwards

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite

While the band plays, Josh invites the congregation to respond to the message in a variety of ways:

- *We've just heard Pastor Ben remind us [INSERT LAW/GOSPEL STATEMENT].*
- *For the rest of the service, we invite you, whenever you feel called, to respond to God's word through*
 - *Praying one-on-one with our prayer minister*
 - *Lighting a candle*
 - *Remembering your baptism*
 - *Dropping off a prayer request in the box at the back of the church*
 - *Giving to support our shared ministry either in that same box or via the QR code*
 - *Or by joining your voice to ours as we lift up prayers through song*
 - *Once a month, instead of Josh, Pastor Ben invites the congregation to respond to the message by coming forward as they feel moved to receive communion.*

Communion is offered at two stations where the bread and only individual cups are placed on stands. One communion server is at each station. Pastor Ben is one communion server.

Of the Father's love begotten

ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets

promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore! Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Julio Quiñones
Response: O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Taizé Community

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As the music continues, and as people move to respond however they feel called, the Assisting Minister says:

- *Psalm 141 says, "Let my prayers be set before you, Lord, as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."*
 - *The Assisting Minister lights a stick of incense on the altar*
- *So let us lift our hands and our prayers to God.*
- *Band and Assisting Minister alternate speaking prayers and singing refrain*

AV TEAM- continue immediately to prayers- do not wait.

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of grace, you show us mercy not according to our worthiness, but according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Grant us the courage to go into the world and do likewise. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Yehiel and Jeff.

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have desecrated your creation, make us into a healing balm for what we have broken.

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

God of righteousness, when leaders fail to fulfill their calls to enact justice, you suffer alongside us. Propel those in power to see you reflected in the faces of all they serve. Grant fear of the Lord to all in authority that they may govern with wisdom, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as Christ's siblings. Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand.

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God of compassion, you nurture children as the apple of your eye. As you sheltered your son Jesus from Herod's grasp, shelter all children in danger. As you comforted Rachel, comfort all who have lost children to violence.

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

God of love, you console those who weep for lost beloved ones *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Even as we mourn, we offer thanks for those who have gone before us, trusting in your comfort and protection.

Sung Response: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

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