

"Christmas in July"

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24th, 2022



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The angel said to [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

As we gather on this warm day in July, we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world, revealing to us that God's love is too wonderful to be measured. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to restore us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

GATHERING SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (LBW #45), verses 1-3

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *continued...*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

ALL: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

ALL: Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

ALL: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

In † Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Amen.

SONG "Joy to the World" (LBW #39)

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

ALL: Amen.

WORD

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

LESSONS & CAROLS

READING Isaiah 61:1-3, 11 - A Promise Fulfilled in the Messiah

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus quoted from these verses and applied them to himself (Luke 4:18-19).

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,...

2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSE A Call to Worship Based on Psalm 98

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Sing to God something brand new!

ALL: For God has done wonderful things!

God has not forgotten to love us all!

ALL: Even the ends of the earth have heard!

Make a joyful noise!

ALL: Break forth in song!

With strings and horns,

ALL: sing praise to the Holy One!

With the roaring sea and everything in it!

ALL: With all the land and everything in it!

The floods clap their hands.

ALL: The hills sing for joy.

Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

ALL: Justice for everyone, everything fair.

Sing to God something brand new!

ALL: For God has done wonderful things!

READING Micah 5:2-5 – The King Will Come from Bethlehem

2 [a] But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (LBW #41)

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READING Luke 2:1-7- Jesus Comes to Us

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph 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. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And 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.

RESPONSE "Away in a Manger" (LBW #67)

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READING Luke 2:8-16 - The Angels Sing God's Praises

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,[a] the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,[b] praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"[c]

RESPONSE "Angels, We Have Heard on High" (LBW #71)

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REFLECTION

"God's Love is Too Wonderful to Be Measured"

Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

READING Luke 2:17-15

When 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." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger....

17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, 19 and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

RESPONSE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (LBW #55)

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PRAYER

Glory to God in the highest,

ALL: and peace to God's people on earth.

Petitions are made both silently and aloud.

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

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

Petitions are made both silently and aloud.

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

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

Petitions are made both silently and aloud.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

ALL: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. *Petitions are made both silently and aloud.*

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.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous giving in support of the mission of Our Savior's. Offerings may be placed in the plate or given online any time at www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org. Children may place their noisy offering in the basket in the front.

Additionally, during the month of July, a special offering for The Neighborhood Church is being collected to support their mission to "Love God and Love your Neighbor." Your special offering may be placed in the plate at the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks to "Our Savior's" with "The Neighborhood Church" in the memo line. Learn more about The Neighborhood Church by visiting their website: tncfargo.com or find them on Facebook.

OFFERING MUSIC

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LBW #60)

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD, BLESSING, & SENDING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

ALL: Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

ALL: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

ALL: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

ALL: We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go in peace, Share the Good News!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

BLESSING

SENDING SONG "Go Tell it On the Mountain" (LBW #70)

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PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

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HEY

UPCOMING AT OSLC

JULY

24 Sunday

- 9:00am Fellowship/Coffee Gathering
- 10:00am "Christmas in July" Outdoor Worship Service
- 11:00am Potluck

26 Tuesday

- 9:30am Quilters

31 Sunday

- 9:00am Fellowship/Coffee Gathering
- 10:00am Worship Service

AUGUST

02 Tuesday

- 9:30am Quilters

07 Sunday

- 9:00am Fellowship/Coffee Gathering
- 10:00am Worship Service

08 Monday - 12 Friday

Churchwide Assembly, Columbus, OH

09 Tuesday

- 9:30am Quilters

10 Wednesday

- 4:00pm Circle of Light

14 Sunday

- 9:00am Fellowship/Coffee Gathering
- 10:00am Worship Service

16 Tuesday

- 9:30am Quilters
- 5:30pm Church Council

21 Sunday

- 9:00am Fellowship/Coffee Gathering
- 10:00am Worship Service with Communion

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