



FAMILY OF FAITH™

LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas



MISSION STATEMENT
Connecting people to Jesus,
to God's Word, and each other.

Family of Faith Lutheran, LCMC
Worship Service 10:15 am December 26, 2021

+ denotes to stand, if able

Prelude *Away in a Manger w/"Brahms' Lullaby"* Arr. Fettke

Welcome and Announcements

+Hymn *One in Royal David's City* WOV # 643

Call to Worship

P: Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews?

C: The wise bow down and worship him.

P: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

C: And all these other things will be added unto us.

P: Ask,

C: And it will be given to us.

P: Seek,

C: and we will find.

P: Knock,

C: And the door will be opened to us.

P: For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

C: Amen

Confession of Sin and Absolution

P: The light has come into the world,

C: And people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

P: Let us confess our sin to God:

C: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

P: The light has come into the world.

C: Let us walk in the light as children of God through Jesus Christ.

Offering our Gifts to God:

P: God has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ! The greatest gift has been given.

C: We thank and praise you, Lord, for the greatest gift ever given.

The power of sin has been broken. Evil has lost its power. Death has lost its sting. You came as one of us. Lived among us. Died for us. Rose from the dead to give us life. Ascended to prepare a place for us forever. Slice through the hardness of our hearts, the distractions of our minds, and the darkness of our souls. Let your light cast away all darkness and make us bearers of your light. As you have given to us with extravagant grace, let us give with extravagant generosity.

Amen

The Offertory:

Doxology

LBW # 565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music:

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Family of Faith Choir

Wesley, Whitefield, Mendelssohn
Arr. D. Allen

We Hear God's Word:

1st Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (pg. 48)

C: Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 818)

C: Thanks be to God

+P: Gospel according to...

Luke 2:21-38 (pg. 711)

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Glory to you O Lord
C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon:

"Eccentric Witnesses"

Pastor Phil

+Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LBW # 41

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion Music:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear w/Liebesträume

Arr. Fettke

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

We Pray:

P: For...

P: Lord in your mercy... **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else you would have us bring before you,
by your Spirit we place them in our hands trusting in your grace through our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who taught us to pray.

The 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.

Sending:

P: Continually ask God to fill us with the knowledge of God's will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

C: Amen.

Hymn:

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LBW # 54

P: Go in Peace – Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Joy to The World

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