



First Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Christmas Day  
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 9:00am

Christmas Prelude "A Host of Carols" , "And the Glory of the Lord" from "Messiah"

Cheryl Luettinger, Baritone

Welcome

Call To Worship

P: O Jesus, Son of God, King of kings!

C: On this holy day your praises we gladly sing.

P: From the Father's throne you came, his sinful children to reclaim.

C: The Father's love you do impart to every believing heart.

P: We are jubilant today, for you have washed our sin away.

C: Hear the glad news we sing on the birthday of our King!

P: Redeemer virgin-born, let songs of praise your name adorn.

C: Whom with the Father we adore and the Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

Hymn

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

P: With humble and contrite hearts let us approach our Father's throne of grace.

C: Loving and merciful Father, we have said and done things contrary to your will and have hurt others. We have chased after false gods and we have not always acted in love. We are truly sorry for our disobedience and waywardness. May you forgive us, and lead us so we might live as your loving children. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: God's love and mercy are indeed great! Through our faith in Jesus Christ we are cleansed of our sin and we receive the promise of eternal life. We walk in the Father's wonderful love and sing hymns of praise this Christmas Day. Amen.

Hymn

**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

**#275**

12 Prayers For Christmas

P: Love: Jesus tells his followers, "Love one another as I have loved you."

C: Lord Jesus, may your love compel us to selflessly love one another.

P: Joy: In your presence, Lord, our hearts are filled with joy.

C: Lord Jesus, restore to us the joy of your salvation.

P: Peace: Jesus has broken down the walls that divide groups of people.

C: Lord Jesus, may your peace rule in our hearts and minds so that we might live in peace with all nations.

P: Hope: There is hope for our future because we believe that God is in control of all things.

C: Lord Jesus, you are our hope, for you are the way, the truth, and the life.

P: Chosen: Jesus has chosen us to be his friends, his disciples, and his fellow servants.  
 C: Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing us to walk with you all the days of our lives.  
 P: Light: Jesus is the Light of the world who dispels the darkness of sin, evil, and death.  
 C: Lord Jesus, teach and show us the light of your love and truth.  
 P: Salvation: There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.  
 C: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for being our Savior.  
 P: Kindness: We have tasted the kindness of our Lord whose blessings are new to us each day.  
 C: Lord Jesus, inspire and empower us to be kind to all people, especially to those in need.  
 P: Generosity: God blesses us abundantly each day.  
 C: Lord Jesus, inspire us to give generously of our time and resources so others may learn of your wonderful love.  
 P: Grace: The Apostle Paul tells us that God's grace, his amazing love, is given to us freely.  
 C: Lord Jesus, we are grateful for the grace you have shown us through your life, death, and resurrection.  
 P: Seek: The Bible tells us to seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.  
 C: Lord Jesus, we seek to walk in your ways. Show us how to live as your faithful and obedient followers.  
 P: Praise: Let us praise the Lord for his steadfast and amazing love.  
 C: Lord Jesus, with the whole community of faith we praise and thank you for your goodness!  
 P: Let the people say with enthusiastic voices,  
 C: Thanks be to God for the gift of his Son!

Reading Titus 2:11-14

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283

Sermon "Do You See The Miracle?" Luke 2:1-20

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270

Offering "The Bells of Christmas" Ben Ackermann, Trombone  
 Cheryl Luettinger, Baritone

## Offering Prayer

C: Lord of heaven and earth, our hearts are filled with love and gratitude today because you came to be one with us in order to make possible our salvation from sin, evil, and death. We worship and praise you for the miracle of your love for each one of us. May our lives be an offering of love and kindness toward our neighbors so they may also experience your love and peace. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Communion Litany

P: Lord, you satisfy the hungry heart with the gift of finest wheat.

C: Given to us, O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.

P: Is not the cup we bless and share, the blood of Christ outpoured?

C: Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

P: The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell.

C: Whom all the world cannot contain, comes in our hearts to dwell.

P: With joyful lips we sing to you our praises and gratitude.

C: That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

P: You satisfy the hungry heart with the gift of finest wheat.

C: Give us, O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat!

## Words of Institution

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### Sharing The Meal of Grace

#### Prayer of The People

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hold us in your love.

#### Blessing

The Light of Christ shine on you.

The Love of Christ dwell in your heart.

The Peace of Christ fill you with joy. Amen.

#### Sending

P: Prince of Peace, may your light shine brightly throughout the world and bring peace among all peoples!

C: We are grateful for your love!

#### Hymn

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

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#### Postlude

"Christmas Angels"

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