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*Christmas*

Christmas Services  
December 23/24, 2020

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 W. Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

**Carols by Candlelight  
Christmas Services  
December 23/24, 2020**

**As We Gather**

He came, but He didn't have to. He came, even though He knew He would be rejected, hated and executed on a cross. He came anyway. He came to give us a way out. He came to give us a new birth, a new name, a new life. He came to give us hope, not only for eternity, but for tomorrow. On this night we hear again the angel's words and listen to the surprising, yet wonderful, news that our Savior has been born in Bethlehem. He came.

**Prelude**

**December 23**

(6:00/8:00 p.m.)

Rick Helderop, organist

**December 24**

(10:00 a.m.)

Paul Bechler, organist

(1:00/3:00/5:30/8:00/10:00 p.m.)

Rick Helderop, organist

**The Entrance of the Light in the tradition of St. Lucia**

**Invocation**

**P:** We begin our Christmas celebration in the name of the Father and of the+  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.** (spoken)

**Congregational Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest; Refrain

## **Prayer**

P: Heavenly Father, with joy we enter into the contemplation of the holy mystery of Your Son's incarnation for us and our salvation. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to believe, and our mouths to proclaim the glory of Him who took on human flesh and blood through the blessed virgin in order to suffer and die in our place. Prepare our hearts to be fitting mangers to cradle Your Son that He may dwell in us and we in Him today and throughout all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Voluntary - December 24**

(8:00 & 10:00 p.m.)

Carol of the Bells - Wilhousky

Chancel Choir Quartet: Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovski,  
Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves

## **Congregational Carol**

What Child is This?

1. 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?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Refrain

## Sermon

“Joy”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## Congregational Carol

Joy To The World

1. 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.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Lighting of our Christmas Candles

## During the Lighting of the Candles

### December 23

(6:00 p.m.) I Wonder as I Wander - John Jacob Niles  
Max Trombley, vocalist

(8:00 p.m.) Son of God - Paul Cardall  
Alison Ristovski, vocalist

### December 24

(10:00 a.m.) Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel  
Ben Kletzli, cello

(1:00 / 3:00 p.m.) Gesu Bambino  
Music by Peitro Yon, Words by Frederick Martens, Arr. By Mark Hayes  
Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano; James Rose, Jr., bass; Eliana Barwinski, flute

(5:30 p.m.) I Wonder as I Wander - John Jacob Niles  
Max Trombley, vocalist

(8:00 & 10:00 p.m.) Shepherd's Pipe Carol – Rutter

Chancel Choir Quartet:

Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovksi, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves

**Congregational Carol** O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

**The First Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-7

**Congregational Carol**

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

**The Second Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:8-14

**Congregational Carol**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

### **The Third Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:15-20

### **Congregational Carol**

Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.
3. Stille nacht, heilige nacht, Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nür das traute hoch heilige paar hölder knabe in lockigen haar.  
Schlaf' im himmlischer ruh, schlaf' im himmlischer ruh'!

### **Pastoral Benediction**

### **Extinguish Candles/Pealing of the Bells**

### **Postlude**

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(1:00/3:00/5:30/8:00/10:00 p.m.)

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**Please place the candles in the receptacles at the doors as you leave.**



Audio and Video Operators

**December 23**

6:00 p.m. - Don Meier

8:00 p.m. - Brian Tyler

**December 24**

10:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. - Don Meier

3:00/5:30 p.m. - Neil Martin

8:00 p.m. - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Acolytes

**December 24**

10:00 a.m. - Ethan and Hannah Rass

3:00 p.m. - London Baker

5:30 p.m. - Nathan Eckert and Andrew Lumsden

Organists

**December 23**

6:00 and 8:00 p.m. - Rick Helderop

**December 24**

10:00 a.m. - Paul Bechler

1:00/3:00/5:30/8:00/10:00 p.m. - Rick Helderop

St. Lucia Chime Ringers

**December 23**

6:00/8:00 p.m. - Beth Greenwalt

**December 24**

10:00 a.m. - Elle Gardner

3:00 p.m. - Grace and Ellery Kamm

8:00 p.m. - Lauren Olds

In the tradition of St. Lucia, our candle bearers are:

**December 23**

6:00/8:00 p.m. - Reagan Greenwalt

**December 24**

10:00 a.m. - Norah Springer

1:00 p.m. - Ava Tafel

3:00 p.m. - Sophie Kamm

5:30 p.m. - Lauren Lund

8:00 p.m. - Sofia Maeder

10:00 p.m. - Linnea Wylie

**Thank you to our altar guild team members, usher team members, AV team members, acolytes, musicians, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes each week to make our services happen.**



*The pastors and staff of Lutheran Church  
of the Redeemer extend to you their wishes for a  
Christ-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year!*

**December 25 - NO Worship Service on Christmas Day**

**December 27 - Worship Service - 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 am**

**December 28 - Worship Service - 7:00pm**

**December 31 - NO New Year's Eve Worship Service**