

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Christmas Hymn Sing
December 28, 2008

Holy Spirit's Mission

We are:
CALLED by Christ in Baptism, **GATHERED** into
community by God's Holy Spirit and **SENT** into the
world to share God's grace.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289

DIALOG

- P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
- C **those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.**
- P You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
- C **they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.**
- P For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
- C **and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

OPENING PRAYER

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

READINGS

First Reading: Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: John 1:1–5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

HYMNING Three Christmas Hymns and their Stories

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

Silent Night

ELW 281

Go Tell It On the Mountain

ELW 290

APOSTLES' 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.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the highest,

C and peace to God's people on earth.

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

C Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

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

C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day especially those we name before you now...

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

C Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

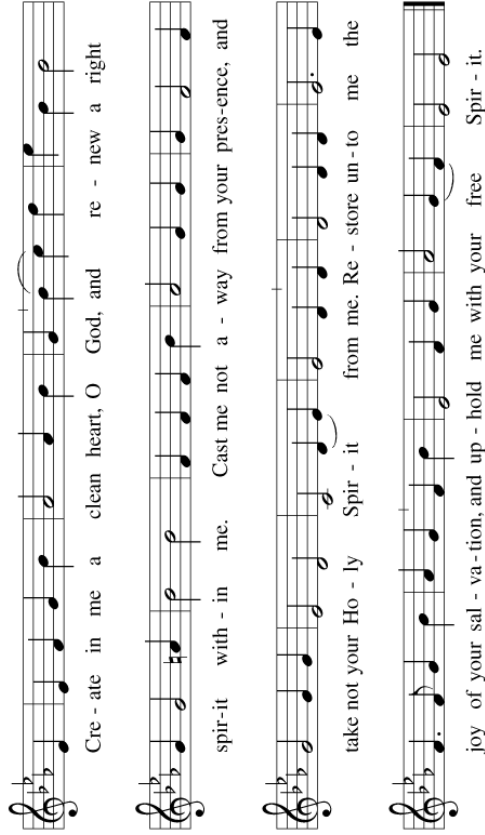
PEACE

P At the birth of Christ, the angels sang a song of peace and goodwill. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



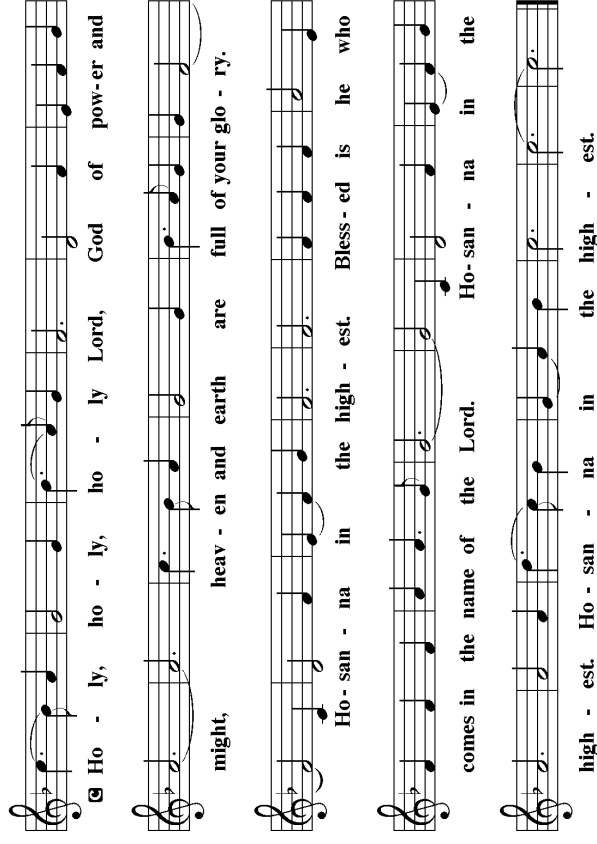
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Loving God, you sent your only Son to live among us, bringing us your grace and truth. As we prepare to receive the gift of Christ's presence once again, all we have to offer is what you have given us. Receive all that we have and all that we are to your glory and for your service, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"In the night in which he was betrayed...."

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, all is ready. Eat and drink the good news that is Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O Come, All Ye Faithful
What Child is This

ELW 283
ELW 296

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of all creation, you have set before us our inheritance of salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. You have filled us with your goodness and peace. Use us that all might be satisfied with your abundance; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
C Amen

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice **ELW 288**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

Serving us today

Organist/Pianist:

Sheila Stephenson

Acolyte: Grant Englemen

Readers: Al Grabenstein,

Doug Julius,

Emilie Samuelson

Stan Samuelson

Ushers: Dan Bergman's Team

Greeters: Loraine Eliason

Lorry Prus

Altar Guild: Ruth Dziuba

Counters: Loraine Eliason

Nancy Green

Ministry Opportunities:

Today -

Worship 10:30 a.m.

NA 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Prayer Shawl 10 a.m.

Wednesday -

NA 7:00 p.m.

Friday -

AA 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Serving Us Next Week

Organist/Pianist:

Bonnie Sweda

Acolyte: Chris Chiaravalli

Lector: TBA

Ushers: Bob Frick's Team

Greeters: Mary & Janet

Martin

Altar Guild: TBA

Counters: Mary & Janet Martin

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Holy Communion

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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