



December 25, 2022 - 9:30 am

Christmas Day



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267

Prayer

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 2 1-20...¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

"Now is Born the Divine Christ Child"

Offertory

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW 276

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

ELW 288

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. Due to the starting of a new Bishop in our synod and the transition to a new synodical staff, our Assistant to the Bishop will change starting in January. Pastor Juliet Focken will help facilitate this transition and beginning in January we will be working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040. **Centering Prayer is on a Holiday Break and will resume January 9th.**
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday, January 7th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Middle School Gathering** 6th-8th graders are taking a trip to Kearney, NE for the NE Synod Middle School Gathering January 14-15, 2023. Cost is \$40 and registration forms have been emailed to parents. Registrations are due December 9th. Hope you can join us!
- ⇒ **Omaha Lutheran Campus MinisTREE** Have you noticed the Omaha Campus MinisTREE in the Narthex? On it, you will find various ways to support Omaha's Lutheran Campus Ministries. Please take a look and give as you are able! Contact Kelsey with questions.
- ⇒ **Christmas Décor Clean Up** Many hands make easy work! That's why we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to assist in taking down some of the Christmas decorations directly following worship on Sunday, January 1st. If you are able to assist in this way, [sign up here](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 25

9:30 am Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 30

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Monday, December 26

Office Closed—Christmas

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Sunday, January 1

9:30 am Worship

Tuesday, December 27

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; Jessica Sampson, Matthew Wrenn & Family, friends of Melissa Regan; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Angela Gehring, friend of Brad Yearwood; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Logan Black, son of Joey Black; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving

Jim Schneider and family as they mourn the loss of Jim's mother.

Wendy Erickson and family as they mourn the loss of Wendy's sister-in-law.

Chad Duke and family as they mourn the loss of Chad's grandmother.