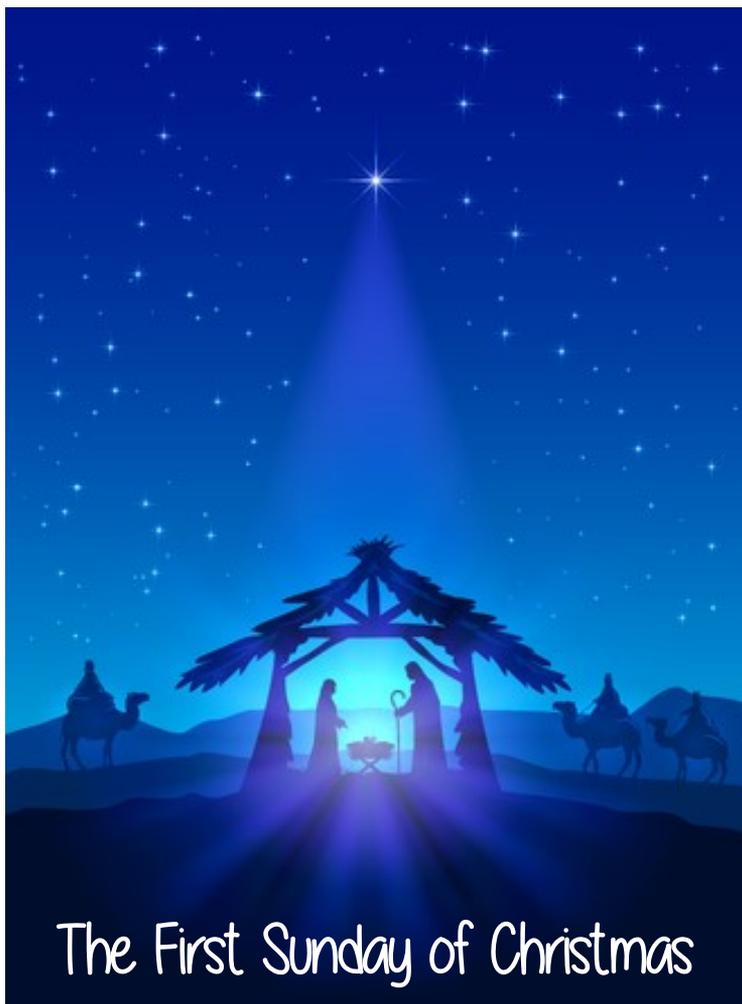


Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



December 26, 2021

We are glad you are here this morning!

Your presence enriches our worship! May we experience God's presence in our time together, in words and actions, songs and prayers, silence and conversation.

Whether you have worshipped with us before, would like to make this your church home, or are visiting for the day, you are most welcome!

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Gathering Song - Once in Royal David's City *sing verses 1 & 2*



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry
out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you.

**We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the
meek.**

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

**We have not put on love in harmony with
you.**

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

**that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.**

Amen.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
+ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed by the Pastor.

Hymn of Praise - Angels from the Realms of Glory

sing verses 1 & 4



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far,
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



Children's Time

First Lesson:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

L: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

**C: He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

L: Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**C: fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

L: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**C: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *sing verses 1 & 2*

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing;
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.

Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Communion Song - What Feast of Love *sing verses 1 & 3*



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, o.s.b., b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Holy Communion

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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

*At this time we lift up the elements of
bread and wine, one after the other.*

Words of Institution

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**

*We share the bread and wine together.
Family members may serve each other.*

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
Response: Amen.

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Response: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.

As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

Sending Song - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

sing verses 1 & 3

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

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Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

Dismissal

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Musicians:	Esther Madsen
AV Techs:	Brett Woodrow, Mark Becker, Noah McKinnon, Cole Berg
Ushers:	Barb Anderson
Greeters:	Eula & Gerry Regehr
Reader:	Elizabeth Wood
Church Lock-Up:	Barb Anderson

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
December 19	30	59	\$2699.15

PAR totals will be reported here monthly. Other electronic offerings will be included in the total reported in the Finance Corner in the newsletter.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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