

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC

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Traditional Worship Services:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m. • Sunday, 8:25 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday, 10:35 a.m.

Educational Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Telecast for GSV Residents: Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 pm; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

Service of Music – December 8th, 2024

Prelude - Piano/Organ

“There’s A Song in the Air”

Announcements

(Visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book)

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Confession

L: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

C: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the one who forgives our sins.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

L: We look to the One who has come to set us free.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services **Sunday, December 24th** **4:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00 p.m.**

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.” As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the true light, our lives are enlightened, and our hearts are set aflame. This Christmas Eve, as we gather for worship, we are reminded through candlelight services that as disciples we have been given this light and bear it to the world. Join us this holy night as we hear scripture read and proclaimed, and sing carols and hymns that bring to mind God’s precious gift to us in Christ.

This year we will be offering four opportunities for Christmas Eve Worship:

+ 4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service
in Sanctuary

+ 4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service
in Celebration Center

+ 7:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service
with Communion in Sanctuary

+ 11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service
with Communion in Sanctuary

The van will run for the 4:00 p.m. service.

Pastor Joel Remmers, Senior Pastor
Pastor Chad Power, Associate Pastor
Megan Lockling, Finance Coordinator
Jotie Montague, Director of Administrative Support
Micki Buscher, Data Entry Associate
Jon Martin, Director of Facilities

Organists:
Helen Karloff
Donna Kerr
Becky Conway

Barbara Hohlen, Director of Handbell Choir
Kristen Janda, Director of Joyful Noises
Kim Remmers, Director of Cherub Choir

Heidi Sherman, College intern

Cheyenne McVey, Nursery Assistant
Addie Walston, Nursery Assistant
Stella Montague, Nursery Assistant
Hailey Oeltjen, Nursery Assistant

Becky Conway, Director of “God Made Me” Preschool
Amy Stutesman, “God Made Me” Preschool Assistant
Betty Knott, “God Made Me” Preschool Assistant

A Stephen’s Ministry Congregation

Missionary:
Pastor Tom Lovan
Lutheran Asian Ministry

Pastor Siimon Haamer
Tartu Academy & Home of Hope
Estonia

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Congregation: JOEL RANEY

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,
 Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.
 Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. God with
 us, Em - man - u - el.

Prayer of the Day

L: Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout this Advent Season. In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength. In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth. In times of doubt, remind us that you are the One who gives hope. We thank you for being our Mighty God. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn No.290 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Prayers of the Church

Offering by the Handbells "Gift in a Manger"

A CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer

**Chancel Choir and Randy Kort "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
 "Once in Royal David's City"**

First Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir "Sans Day Carol"**

Second Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

**Congregation & Chancel Choir
 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

Angels, from the realms of glory,
 wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story,
 now proclaim Messiah's birth
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king.

(interlude)

All creation, join in praising
 God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
 evermore your voices raising
 to the eternal Three in One.
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king.

Third Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir, Randy Kort & Ruth Jeremias
 "See Amid the Winter's Snow"**

Fourth Lesson and Carols

**Chancel Choir "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"
 Reader
 Congregation & Choirs "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise each child of earth,
 born to give us second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 Glory to the newborn King!

Fifth Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir "What Child Is This?"
 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" to the tune of "Forrest Green"**
 For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch
 of wondering love.
 O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the King and peace to all on earth.

Sixth Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"**

Congregation & Choirs "Good Christians All, Rejoice!"

Good Christians all, rejoice
 with heart and soul and voices.
 Now ye hear of endless bliss:
 Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
 He hath opened heaven's door,
 and we are blest forevermore.
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born for this!

Seventh Lesson and Carols

**Reader
 Chancel Choir "Sing We Now of Christmas"**

Congregation & Choirs "The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
 In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing

**Reader
 Congregation & Choirs "O Come All Ye Faithful"**
 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
 O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
 O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Chancel Choir "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Congregation & Choirs "Joy to the World"
 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns.
 Let us our songs employ!
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

**Reader
 Benediction
 Handbells "Peace On Earth"
 L: Go in peace
 C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude – Piano/Organ "Postlude on a Christmas Carol"

Guest Accompanist – Julie Maaske