

Christmas Day
Faith Ev. Lutheran Church – Pierre, SD

Saturday, December 25, 2010
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AS WE GATHER Today's love language to be considered is the language of gift giving. It is the language shouted by the angels to Bethlehem shepherds as they shared good news that God's great gift was waiting for them in a nearby manger. In the season of gift giving we praise our God for his gifts of grace, and we grace one another with gifts small and lavish, heartfelt and fun. When we do, we fill love tanks, especially those whose primary love language expresses itself in the giving of gifts.



THE OPENING HYMN “*Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn*” TLH 84
(see insert)

THE INVOCATION

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In the name of the Father, who sent His Son to dwell among us;

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In the name of Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us;

In the name of the Holy Spirit, by whose power Jesus was conceived, and who dwells in our hearts.

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Amen.

THE PRAYER

Glorious God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the bright Morning Star, the one who brings the light of Your love and forgiveness to a fallen world. We praise You that He comes to us this day through Your word and Holy Supper. In the name of Jesus Christ, one God with You and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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As we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, we also realize that he came to die for our sins. Truthfully, we sometimes wonder whether we will be found in faith when he comes again as the Bright Morning Star to be our Judge and King. Let us, therefore, confess our

sins to God our Maker and beg his forgiveness.

C Lord God, it was my sin and your love that brought your Son to earth. It is to bring me to your glory that he will someday come again. If it were today, I confess that I am not ready. I have not loved you with all my heart or my neighbor as myself. My words, actions, and thoughts fall short of your holy will. Forgive me. Change my heart. Grant me faith in Jesus Christ your Son that I might know your will and be received into glory when he comes.

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God is gracious. He has seen your sorrow for sin and heard your plea for mercy. Jesus Christ, God's Son, has died for all your sins and has risen to assure you of eternal life. As a called and ordained servant, in his stead and at his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Job 38:1-18*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Baby in a Manger" ...arr. David Eddleman
Small Vocal Ensemble*



THE EPISTLE *Revelation 22:16-17*

THE HYMN *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" LSB 361*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20*

THE SERMON HYMN *"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" (Tune LSB 395)*

How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
O David's Son of Jacob's race, my Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For you my heart is pining.
Lowly, holy, great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces,

Filling all the heav'nly places.

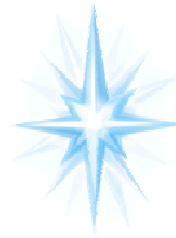
O highest joy by mortals won, true Son of God and Mary's Son,
The high-born King of ages!
You are my heart's most lovely Flow'r, and your blest Gospel's saving power
My raptured soul engages.
Claim me, name me; sing hosanna! Heav'nly manna tasting, eating,
While your love in songs repeating.

A pledge of peace from God I see when your pure eyes are turned to me
To show me your good pleasure.
Jesus, your Spirit and your Word, your body and your blood, afford
My soul its dearest treasure.
Keep me, kindly in your favor, O my Savior! Shine upon me,
For your gracious Word has won me.

Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way, today, tomorrow, every day,
Till traveling days are ended.
Sing out; ring out triumph glorious, O victorious, chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.

THE SERMON

"The Morning Star • Christ"
Revelation 22:16
Pastor Levi Willms



THE NICENE CREED

THE OFFERING

"Mary, Did You Know?" ...Greene/Lowry
Andrew Wulf, flute

THE OFFERTORY

"Let the Stars Tell Their Story" (Tune LSB 364)
Let the stars their story tell,
For the heavens know it well:
How the Son of God, enfleshed,
Came to breathe our mortal breath.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

When the time had fully come,
God revealed his only Son,
Morning Star and living Light,
Brightening sin's darkest night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

So may we in glory glow
With your presence, here below.
Grant that we the story tell
Which the heavens know so well.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE PRAYERS

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O God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—how your Son SHINES! We thank and praise you for this most precious gift of life. Lord in your mercy,

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Hear our prayer.

Teach your people, the church, to spread the bright light of Jesus love throughout this benighted sphere. Unite us in bonds of light and love. Lord in your mercy,

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Hear our prayer.

Teach the rulers of the nations of this world to live in your bright light. Make them happy advocates of peace, mercy and justice. Lord in your mercy,

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Hear our prayer.

Shine with your almighty power into the lives of all who suffer any sort of need. Shine with comfort and peace; shine with healing and joy. Lord in your mercy,

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Hear our prayer.

Bless with your bright light all who worship in this place. Make it a place of light, life and love. Pour your Holy Spirit upon our pastoral staff and all of us who are ministers. Make us light in this community. Lord in your mercy,

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Hear our prayer.

Bring light and healing, O God of resurrection power, to all who mourn. Teach us to bring your comfort. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

These things we pray through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

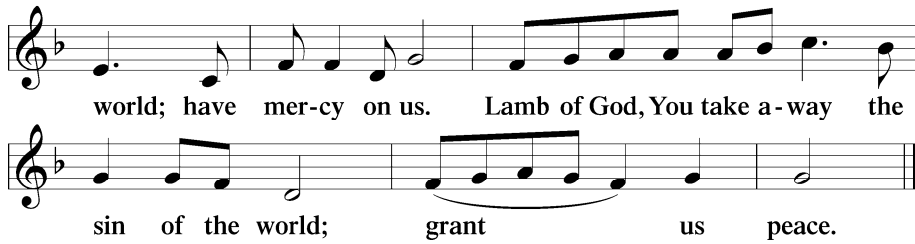
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

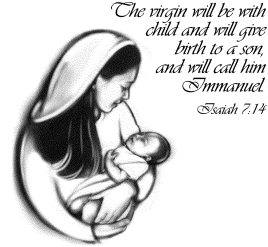
John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”.. Traditional Spiritual
 Rodd Bauck, vocalist
 “What Child Is This?” LSB 370
 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” LSB 384



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, in Your mercy You sent Your only Son into the flesh at Christmas. Thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask that You not forsake us, Your children, but always rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You constantly. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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The Lord bless you and keep you as you keep Christmas.
 The Lord make His face shine on you with the light of the Christ Child.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace on earth, goodwill to all, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380



We welcome you to Faith Lutheran Church on this Christmas Day. Preaching this morning is Pastor Levi Willms. Our Liturgist is Pastor Brad Urbach.

**There will be one service only tomorrow December 26 at 11:00 a.m.
With Holy Communion**

**There will be NO Sunday School on December 26, 2010
and January 2, 2011.**



**December 31, 2010
New Year's Eve Worship
7:00 p.m.
with Holy Communion**



Trinity Lutheran Church – Blunt, SD

9:00 a.m.

With Holy Communion

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church – Pierre, SD

10:30 a.m.

With Holy Communion