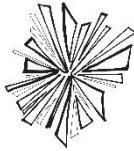


AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Lessons & Carols
10:30 AM Dec. 31, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING & SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Christ is born: Alleluia!

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: "On Christmas Night" #274 ELW

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

All: By day and night he shines for all to see.

Leader: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

All: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

Leader: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

All: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: Jesus is the light of our lives.

Leader: Sing to God a new song!

All: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:21-23;26-28

GOD BLESSES CREATION & HUMANKIND

CAROL: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" #286 ELW

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

GOD ESTABLISHES THE COVENANT WITH NOAH

CHOIR ANTHEM: "All the Sky is Bright"

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CHRIST'S BIRTH IS FORETOLD

CAROL: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #272 ELW, vv 1&2

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

THE PEACE CHRIST WILL BRING IS FORETOLD

CAROL: "Love Came Down at Christmas" #131 CP

1) Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas
star and angels gave the sign.

2) Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
what shall be our sacred sign?

3) Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbour,
love for prayer and gift and sign.

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-33

THE ANNUNCIATION

MUSICAL OFFERING: "The Little Road to Bethlehem"

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CAROL: "O Come, Little Children" #127 CP

1) Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all.
Look to the manger in Bethlehem's stall;
for there, little children, on this holiest night,
our God sends from heaven his Son, your delight.

2) He lies there before you, asleep in the hay,
with Mary and Joseph to guard him and pray.
The wondering shepherds look in at the door,
and seeing the infant, they kneel and adore.

3) Adore like the shepherds! Your glad voices raise
with those of the angels who sing in his praise.
Your chorus will echo from earth to the sky,
with "Glory to God in this heaven most high."

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:22-40

JESUS IS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE

CAROL: "Holy Child within the Manger" #43 SNC

1) Holy Child within the manger,
long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to every stranger,

come as hope for every fear.

As you lived to heal the broken,
greet the outcast, free the bound,
as you taught us love unspoken,
teach us now where you are found.

2) Once again we tell the story
how your love for us was shown,
when the image of your glory
wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom,
come, and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion kindle
every land and race.

3) Holy child within the manger,
lead us ever in your way,
so we see in every stranger
how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living
give us strength to live as you,
that our hearts might be forgiving
and our spirits strong and true.

EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-9

THE MYSTERY OF INCARNATION

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hallelujah! He is Born"

POEM "It is Not Over" by Ann Weems

SENDING

BLESSING

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Arching Starlight" by Jeff Ens

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our lectors Ruth Zuk, Chris Martin, & Linda Jarock, ushers Larry Trenouth & Bonnie Moser, choir director Deborah Buck, & the Augustana-St. Timothy's Choir, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to the coffee crew of Pat Blakley, and special thanks to Mik Bickis & Deb Buck (organ & piano), Cheri Jarock (violin) and Sharon Buck & Anna-Marie Skogsrud (vocal) for their musical talents.

Sunday Dec. 17th in-person attendance: 65
Christmas Eve in-person attendance: 116 (6PM) & 97 (8PM)
Christmas Day in-person attendance: 31

Offering & Income to date for Dec.: \$25,039

Expenses to date for Dec.: \$19,398



Offerings can be placed in the plate at the back of the church.
Offerings contributed today will be credited to 2024.

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to
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(full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

Our Parish Calendar

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers Alice, Ann Jane, Audrey, Brodie, Bruce, Carrie, Carol, Danielle, Deanna, Doug, Elma, Evelyn K & Evelyn S, Gayle, Jim S. Karen, Karin, Kevin, Linda, Lisa, Marlene & Ron, Mildred, Minnie, Nori, Ron F., Shelby, Sharon, Gord & Natalie, and especially Marie Lovrod and family in the loss of her mother Evelyn who passed away Dec. 25th.



Memorial Celebration for Evelyn Lovrod

Tuesday, January 2nd, at 10 AM

Richmond Room at Luther Heights, 1802 Alexandra Avenue.
Coffee and refreshments will follow the service.

SK SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING, February 9-11,

Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake. For ages 12-17.

Retreat theme: "Catch the Fire!" (Acts 2)

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Ronald Shumba

To facilitate access, subsidies are available to cover the registration fee of \$115 a person. Bus transportation costs are also covered.

Lay and rostered leaders are encouraged to attend in support of their home team. Registration fees for leaders: \$75.00.

Come experience community, time in the Word & Creation, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

The **2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), Jan. 18 to 24th**, is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso. Local neighbourhood services and other observances include the following:

- Jan. 18-25, 7am WPCU services and breakfast, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House
- Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St.
- Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Avenue, Saskatoon Sun. Jan. 21 at 5:30 PM
- Thurs., Jan. 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel

De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity

(Karen Petersen Finch)

- Wed. Jan. 24, 7pm, Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine (Campion College, Regina)
- Thurs. Jan. 25, 7pm, Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal (STM College, Saskatoon)
- Fri., Jan. 26, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon)

Sat., Jan. 27, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Christ the King Parish, Regina)

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.
May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,
and a source of strength and hope.*

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Presentation of Jesus at the temple (1963), fresco, by Dom Georges Sagat. Keur Moussa Abbey, Keur Moussa, Senegal. Photo © Godong/Robert Harding Picture Library/Superstock. Used by permission.



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