

Welcome to Worship
First Sunday of Christmas

Service of the Word
Holy Name of Jesus



Sunday, December 28, 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church
722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music

Welcome and Announcements

Deacon Sue

Prelude

During this time of meditation, the assembly is asked to remain silent.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

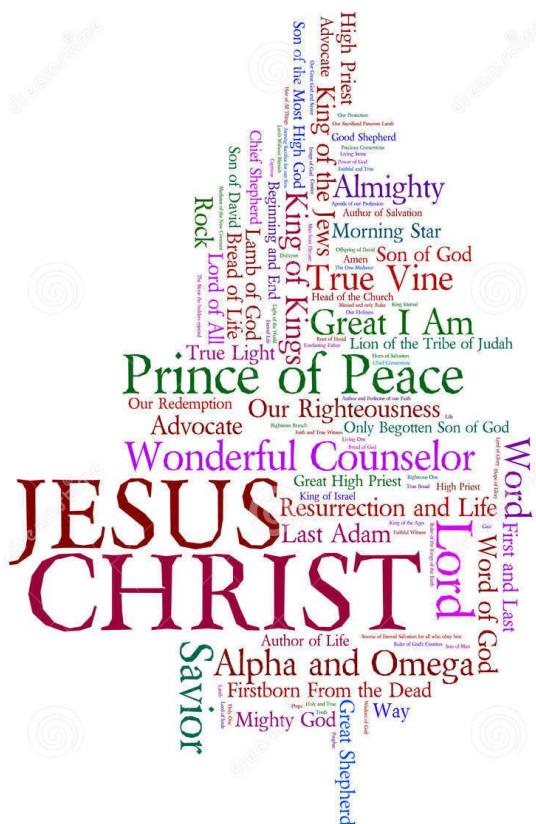
Deacon Sue

We gather together in this place:
prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,
we who dare to imagine a world renewed;
we who dare to dream God's dream.

We hold fast to our faith,
trusting God's promises.

Young and old, declare it together:
love is born and salvation is here!

Come and worship, all you who dream and imagine.
We have come to wonder and praise.



Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow

ELW 893

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from

rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing! tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song. pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied, throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

The assembly is seated.

Litany of the Holy Name

Deacon Sue

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Spirit

Have mercy on us

Jesus, Son of the living God, brightness of everlasting light,

king of glory

Have mercy on us

Jesus, dawn of justice, worthy of our love, worthy of our wonder

Have mercy on us

Jesus, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,

Everlasting Father

Have mercy on us

Jesus, pattern of patience, model of obedience, gentle and humble of heart, lover of us all

Have mercy on us

Jesus, author of life, our refuge, Good Shepherd, the true light, eternal wisdom

Have mercy on us

Jesus, our way and our life, joy of angels, teacher of apostles,

Have mercy on us

Lord, be merciful, Jesus,

Save your people

From every sin, from the snares of the world, Jesus,

Save your people

By the mystery of your incarnation, by your birth,

by your public ministry, Jesus,

Save your people

By your agony and crucifixion, by your grief and sorrow,

by your death and burial, Jesus,

Save your people

By your rising to new life, by your return in glory, Jesus,

Save your people

Christ, hear us

Christ, hear us

Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world

have mercy on us

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Preparing for the Reading of Scripture

Amy Cauble

Let us pray,

God of newborn cries and shouts of justice,

you proclaim the good news of God-with-us from all corners of creation.

As we turn to our scriptures, may the words inspire us to dream of a world where hope, peace, joy, and love thrive among us.

Amen.

Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Amy Cauble

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I Wonder As I Wander

WOV 642

Text: Appalachian carol, collected by John Jacob Niles, 1900-1980
Music: Appalachian folk tune, adapt. John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980
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I WONDER
12 11 11 12

Psalm: Psalm 8

John Womack

Refrain

Michael Hassell

The musical notation is for a two-part setting. The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The music consists of two staves. The lyrics 'How majestic is your name in all the earth!' are written below the top staff. The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The bass staff has a bass clef and includes a bassoon part with a bass clef and a cello part with a bass clef. The music concludes with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

¹O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-fants and
children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,
human beings that you should care for them? R

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and hon-or you crown them.
⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things un-der their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
⁹O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Madi Crutchfield

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

What Child is This

ELW 296

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Bruce Kraus

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.



...AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
GLORY of GOD the father.

Philippians 2:11

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus, Name Above All Names

W&P 77

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful

Savior, glorious Lord, Em-

man - u - el, God is with us, blessed Re-

deem - er, living Word. Word.

To repeat

Last time

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Deacon Sue

The Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Homily

Deacon Sue



The assembly stands in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

ELW 279

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

The assembly is seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Bruce Kraus

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

The assembly kneels or sits for prayer.

Guide your church to confess that Jesus is Lord. Fill us with wonder at the good and saving news of Jesus. May we treasure your words and meditate upon them, that we reveal your glory to the world with humility and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your name, O God, is majestic in all the earth. You set the moon and stars in their courses. You are mindful of every work of your hand: flocks and cattle, birds and fish, seas and fields. Make us wise stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the nations with your grace and peace. Inspire and uphold treaties, cease-fires, and international agreements that seek to calm strife between nations. Shield all those who work to protect vulnerable populations from exploitation or danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We cry, "Abba! Father!" as we seek your loving care in times of need. Heal those wounded by hurtful words. Console all who are weighed down by depression and anxiety. Call by name any who feel unloved, misunderstood, or rejected. Heal the sick. We pray especially for:

- Gerry; Keren and family; Jeff.
- Roger and the Boyer family; Dave; Robin and Cathy.
- Byron; Kathyrn; Ray; Todd.
- Flossie; Jim and Sharon; Charlie; Alex; John.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal yourself to us in the fullness of time, O God. Give us gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come. Grace us with your presence during transitions: new jobs or schools, new homes, new diagnoses, or new relationships. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all the saints who proclaimed the name of Jesus in life and who now rest in glory. Show us our inheritance as adopted heirs of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Deacon Sue

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media to share the Peace of Christ with someone this week.

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another.

Offering & Offering Music

Deacon Sue

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

We continue to bring our food offerings forward to be placed on the giving tree.

Offering Prayer

Bruce Kraus

Let us pray,

Holy God, we bring our gifts and offerings to you
because the voices of the prophets remind us of something bigger, something greater
than any system this world offers us.

We believe when we trust you with our resources,
the kin(g)dom of God comes much closer to reality on earth.
Help us steward these gifts to create abundant life and love.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Deacon Sue

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

Blessing

Deacon Sue

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

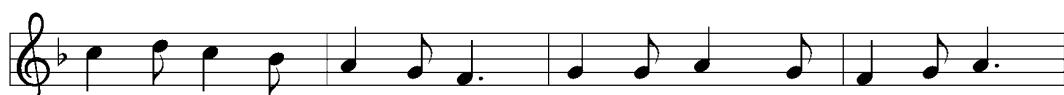
Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

ELW 288



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

Dismissal

Deacon Sue

What a gift to be present at the beginning of new life.
God, incarnate, stepped out of heaven to come as an infant,
reminding us all that new life is possible in the most difficult of times.
As we go forth from this place,
may we see present possibilities,
not just distant dreams.
May we lift up our gratitude
that on that quiet night beneath the noise of the empire,
Christ was born, not in power but in vulnerability.
We carry the name of Jesus Christ with us.
Thanks be to God.

Poinsettia Dedications

Jack and Lisette Branscomb

In memory of our parents and Jack's brother, Jim Branscomb.

In honor of our children – Katie and Dan, Glenn and Lauren.

In honor of our grandchildren – Levi, Grace, Caleb, Reed and Emmy.

Bruce and Kelly Kraus

In Memory of our parents, Richard & Eleanor Kraus and George & Joyce Green

Al and Mary Kay Kates

In Honor of Kathryn Stoner, Mary Kay's mother

In honor of Susan Holbrook

In memory of Hal Shope, friend and former ASLC member

In memory of Jeannette Sanders

Brad and Joann Rosselle

In Memory our parents Joe & Harriett Tortora and Cynthia Weaston & George Rosselle, Sr.

Teresa Cin

In Memory of Marion and Ron Leckey, beloved Aunt and Uncle

Sharon Marion

In Memory of Sandra Robinson