

Christmas Day

December 25, 2021 Service

Welcome

Call to Worship

The family tree of Jesus includes
men and women
voiceless and powerful
victim and perpetrator

All who were imperfect people – just like us.

Through imperfect people,
God works to fulfill the promise to be our God
To redeem our world
and claim us as God's people.

This Christmas day, we celebrate God's gift to us and to the world
a Messiah, a Redeemer, a newborn in a manger.

Lord, remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News.
We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name.

**Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy
the love that you have for us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

O Come All Ye Faithful (LUYH 76)

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Hark the Herald Angel Sings (LUYH 80)

Away in a Manger (LUYH 86)

Candle Lighting (Fayth Kuipers)

Mary, a young woman, found favor with God,
and received these promises from God:

"You will conceive and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God
will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house
of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

The child will be holy and will be called Son of God."

Blessed is Mary, mother of Jesus, who believed that there would
be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for the Mighty One
has done great things for us, and holy is God's name.

God's mercy is for those who have feared God from generation to generation.

God's strength has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Hear then, O house of David!
The Lord has given us a sign.
A young woman shall bear a son,
And shall call his name Immanuel,
which means "God is with us."
(Light the Christ Candle)

Sing We the Song of Immanuel

Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (Kenzie and Carter Ekkel)

Angels We Have Heard on High Go Tell It On the Mountain (LUYH 93)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading - Luke 1:26-38

Sermon - Lineage of Grace - Mary

My Soul Cries Out (LUYH 69)

Christmas Prayer

O newborn Saviour, be present, we pray, at our Christmas celebrations.
Make our greetings sincere and our giving real.
Enliven our relationships, both within our families and beyond them.
We pray for those who are broken, for those who seek,
For the trembling and those with rumbling tummies,
For the haggard spirits and the ragged lives,
for those who cling to the last best thing,
and for those whose hearts pine for love.

Open our hearts and unblock our ears
to hear the voices of the poor and to share their struggle
To see the pain of the grieving and to share their sorrow.
In our 'Merry Christmases', may we make peace.
In our 'Seasons Greetings', may we share a welcome.
In our 'Happy Holidays', may we sow seeds of justice.
For peace, for mercy, for the sake of all that is holy,
we come to adore you, Christ.
Amen

God's Parting Blessing

Joy to the World (LUYH 92)

Offerings taken at the door for Blackfalds FoodBank - Lunch Box Program