

**Welcome to
Anchorage Lutheran Church**



Contemporary Service

December 24, 2021

5:00 pm



OUR CALLING

We exist as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper.

We strive to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community, and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World.

We seek to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

The Lord's Supper: The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal-the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ-are invited to participate.

Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing. Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

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OUR STAFF

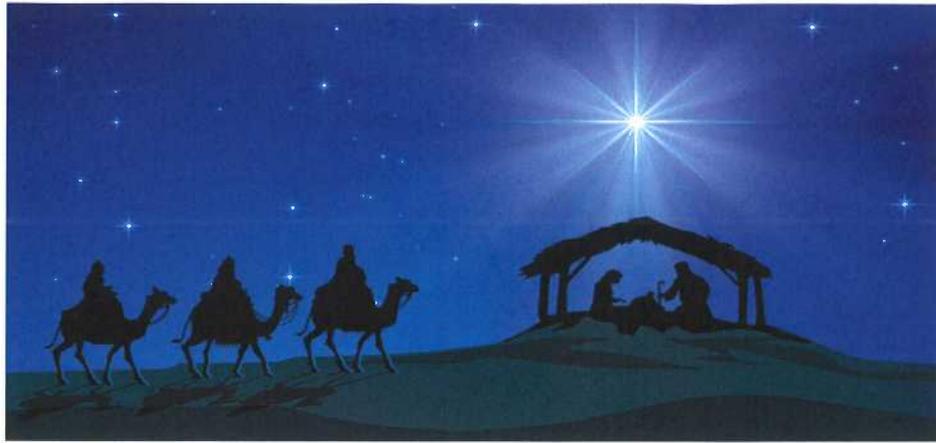
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WELCOME

Gathering Song

Joy to the World (Joy Unspeakable Joy)

Call to Worship

Prayer

The Christmas Gospel & Praise

Luke 2:1-20

Message

“Powerful Silence”

Text: Luke 2:1-20, Pastor Tony Schultz

Closing Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

(Lighting of the Candles)

Benediction

Sending Song

Silent Night

(Extinguishing the Candles)

Pastor: Go in Peace as you Serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1–20

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!” ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw It, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Thank you Christmas Eve Volunteers:

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