

**10am, December 25, 2022  
1st Sunday of Christmas  
Worship with Lessons and Carols**



**Worship Presented by the  
Northern Area of  
The Synod of Alberta and the Territories**  
Via Livestream

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**PRELUDE:** Carol of the Bells (Spiritoso!)

**WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Pr. Anna Thede, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

## GATHERING

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories we reside on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. Our service today is livestreamed from Treaty 6 territory and Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III, in Edmonton. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory. We invite you to hold a moment of reflection for the ground under your feet where you are today, giving thanks for the peoples who have come before us and in a spirit of care for this land on behalf of future generations.

**WELCOME & GREETING** (Pr. Anna Thede, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

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

**C: And also with you.**

**GATHERING CAROL:**

ELW 284 – 'Twas in the Moon if Wintertime (Choir, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

**DIALOGUE:** (Bernie Hartman & Keith Scheidt, Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake)

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

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

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

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Rev. Lee Woolery, Retired Pastor, Sherwood Park)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

**C: Amen.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (Pr. AnnE Zimmerman and Amelia Affolter, Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake)

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18 (Kevin & Cathie Bolstad, Holy Family Lutheran Church, Yellowknife)

**CAROL:** ELW 283— O Come, All Ye Faithful, v. 1, 4  
(Anna Kochendorfer and Erika Rodning, Ascension Lutheran, Edmonton)

**SECOND READING:** Micah 5:2-5a (Pastor Doug Giles, Honorary Assistant St John's the Evangelist Anglican Church, Cold Lake)

**CAROL:** ELW 298 – The Bells of Christmas, v.1, 4, 6 (Choir, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

**THIRD READING:** Luke 1:26-35, 38 (Pastor Bill Bulger, Interim Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Hinton)

**CAROL:** ELW 296 – What Child is This (Our Savior Lutheran Church Christmas Choir, Edmonton)

**FOURTH READING:** Matthew 1:18-25 Kevin Z.K. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

**CAROL:** ELW 286 - Your Little Ones Dear Lord, v. 1-3  
(Lindsay Carmichael and Amanda Shaw, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Ellerslie), Edmonton)

**FIFTH READING:** Luke 2:1-7 (Grace and Julia M., Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake)

**CAROL:** ELW 277 - Away in a Manger (Choir, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church, Edmonton)

**SIXTH READING:** Luke 2:8-20 (Pastor Colin Milang, Mount Olivet, Sherwood Park)

**CAROL:** ELW 270 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Pastor Bill and Marilyn Bulger, Grace Lutheran Church, Hinton)

**HOMILY** (Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken)

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER** (Cara and Ali H., Lord of Life Lutheran, Edmonton)

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Dieter and Marleen Gruenberg,  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Edmonton)

In joy and thanksgiving at Christ's birth,

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

**On earth peace, good will among people.**

We pray for all faithful people,

For all welcome messengers of good news,

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

**On earth peace, good will among people.**

For the nations and their rulers,

For the corporations and their executives,

For anyone with power over the lives of others,

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

**On earth peace, good will among people.**

For those who defend the helpless,

For those who strive for justice,

For those who work to find a way to peace,

For all the world, and all who live in it,

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

**On earth peace, good will among people.**

For anyone suffering, sick, alone, afraid, or in any kind of trouble.

We pray especially for all those we know are in need of prayers this day.

Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

**On earth peace, good will among people.**

For our own community, for friends, neighbors, and family, near and far.  
Let us sing to the Lord a new song,  
**On earth peace, good will among people.**

For those who have died and now find their homes in the house of our Lord.  
Let us sing to the Lord a new song,  
**On earth peace, good will among people.**

We offer thanksgiving for Mary's firstborn Son— for good news of great joy.  
Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.  
Before the eyes of all the nations you sent your Son,  
the exact imprint of love itself, to be our salvation.  
With the shepherds in the fields,  
let us go now to Bethlehem,  
there to find Christ in our hearts, and in the world around us. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Rev. Calvin Skriver, Interim Trinity Lutheran,  
Edmonton)

**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 PEACE** (Rev. David Melax, Ascension and Lord of Life Lutheran  
Churches, Edmonton)

**OFFERING** (Rev. Anna Thede, Dean of Northern Area)

**SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC:** Coventry Carol (Spiritoso!)

<b>SENDING</b>
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**A SUNG BLESSING:** *Barocha*, by Michael Card Song (Pastor Doug  
and Donna Heine, Grace Lutheran, Hinton)

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine upon you.*

*And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever!*

*The Lord be gracious to you*

*The Lord turn His face towards you.*

*And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever!*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine upon you.*

*And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever!*

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**SENDING SONG:** ELW 267 – Joy to the World (Choir, Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

**DISMISSAL** (Rev. Anna Thede, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: A Christmas Song** by Jay Beech (Rev. Marcus Wilhelm, Glory Lutheran, Sherwood Park)

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Intercessory Prayers written by Margaret D. McGee, [www.inthecourtyard.com](http://www.inthecourtyard.com)

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Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen  
Rev. Anna Thede  
Bernie Hartman & Keith Scheidt  
Rev. Lee Woolery  
Cara and Ali H.  
Dieter and Marleen Gruenberg  
Rev. Calvin Skriver  
Rev. David Melax

### **Children's Message**

Pr. AnnE Zimmerman and Amelia Affolte

### **Homily**

Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken

### **Readers**

Kevin & Cathie Bolstad  
Pastor Doug Giles  
Pastor Bill Bulger  
Kevin Z.K.  
Grace and Julia M.  
Pastor Colin Milang

### **Musicians:**

Spiritoso! (Wendy Hoskin, Cathy Koski, Linda Stockl, Isabela Ramos)  
Choir, Hosanna Lutheran Church  
Anna Kochendorfer and Erika Rodning  
Our Savior Lutheran Church Christmas Choir  
Lindsay Carmichael and Amanda Shaw  
Choir, Trinity Lutheran Church  
Pastor Bill and Marilyn Bulger  
Pastor Doug and Donna Heine  
Rev. Marcus Wilhelm

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Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake  
Holy Family Lutheran Church, Yellowknife  
Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton  
St John's the Evangelist Anglican Church, Cold Lake  
Grace Lutheran Church, Hinton

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton  
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