

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.
Christian Education Hour 9:30 a.m.

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Please stand and face the Processional Cross

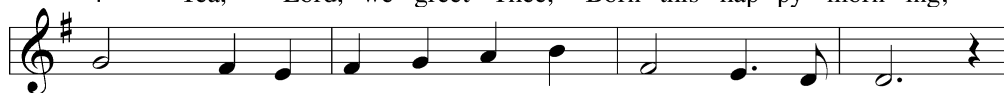
Processional Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!

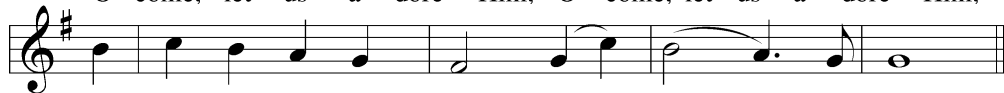


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Invocation: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Psalm

Psalm 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

When all was still, and it was midnight,

your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against his anointed.

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

“As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

When all was still, and it was midnight,

your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.



Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 8:12; Luke 2:32, adapted

P The season of Advent is past; Christ our Savior is here. Today we light the Christ Candle to remind us that Jesus said,

C **“I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

P We also remember that Simeon called the Christ Child “a light to enlighten the Gentiles.”

C **With candles burning to symbolize the Lord’s presence, we worship Him, who is our newborn King.**

P Jesus is born!

C **Let us rejoice!**



Candlelighting Carol

"Light the Candle"

5 Light the can-dle of CHRIST to-day, the Giv-er of light is here! ____

Wel-come the light we grope and sigh for, but on - ly Christ can give. ____

Flick-er and flame and glow ____ with light, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow ____ with light, light up the world a -

round ____ you. ____

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Exhortation

- P** As we come this evening to the manger and kneel before the Christ child, God prepares our hearts as we confess our sins and receive His forgiveness.

Confession of Sins

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** We confess:
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

John 20:19–23

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Carol of Praise

"Joy to the World"

Hymn 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
 King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
 room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
 sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
- C** O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Carol

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

setting by Brian L. Hanson

Sanctuary Choir

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow; In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heav'n & earth shall flee away when He comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,
Holy star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

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Epistle Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Processional "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" Hymn 377 v. 1



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And 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!"

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Recessional “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” Hymn 377 v. 4

4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which
made the an - gels sing this night: “Glo - ry to God and peace to
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.”

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymn 361

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.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Sermon

Please stand

+ We Respond to God's Word +

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"

Hymn 391



Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -



to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!



His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from

on high pro-claim And sing re-demp - tion's sto - ry!
My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er
For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

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Christmas Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25*

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ’s institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Music During the Distribution

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	LSB 393
"Angels We Have Heard on High"	LSB 368
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	LSB 380

Please stand

+ God Grants Us His Blessing +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You were born into our world to save us from sin and death. Through this sacrament, enter our hearts that we may love, serve, and proclaim You as our Lord. Watch over our dear ones near and far, that with them and all the saints in heaven and on earth, we may treasure Your love and wait for You to come again.

G Amen.

Please be seated

+ Sending the Light of Christ into the World +

Lighting of the Candles

During the singing of the following carol, the pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle and pass the light of Christ to each of us. When your candle is lit, please share the light of your candle with the next person in your pew. To light a candle, please dip the unlit candle into the lit candle. Please be sure to keep lit candles upright.

Candlelighting Carol

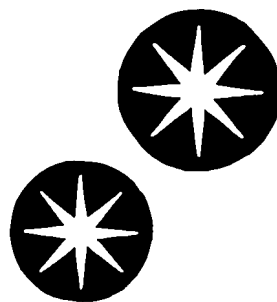
“Away in a Manger”

Hymn 364

**☐ Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**



Christmas Exhortation

☐ As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it reminds us of Christ, our Light, the child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice! The Light of the World has come. That light transforms us with the brightness of His glory. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and then cover its light. Instead they see the lamp on its stand, set up high, and it lights everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before everyone, that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven.

Christmas Blessing

P The angels first proclaimed the coming of our Savior. Go now with their song in your hearts, souls, and minds.

C **Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

Dismissal

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of Christ.**

P Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Please stand

The first verse of our Recessional Carol will be sung in German. Please join if you are able. As the carol is sung, the Cross will leave the church. Please follow the Cross with your candles lit. At the doors, please extinguish your candles and place them in the boxes at the rear of the church.

Recessional Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Hymn 363

C **Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!**
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

2 **Silent night, holy night!**
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

1 **Silent night, holy night!**
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

3 **Silent night, holy night!**
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Chiming of the Hour of Salvation



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