

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24, 2016

9 pm.



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Welcome to this Christmas Eve celebration of the birth of our Lord. We wish you a blessed Christmas. May the joy and peace declared by the angels be yours throughout the coming year.

PRELUDE

“The Holy Night” *by Dudley Buck*

Craig Jones

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

“O, Come, All Ye Faithful”

(LBW) No. 45

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest:
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
they will sing before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

CAROL **Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"** **(LBW) No. 34**

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
 who to your tribes on Sinai's height
 in ancient times once gave the law
 in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
 your own from Satan's tyranny;
 from depths of hell your people save
 and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

- 4 Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*
- 5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (LBW) No. 41 (vs. 1 & 3)

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still, the dear Christ enters in.

Luke 2:8-14

*⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" (LBW) No. 71

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

CAROL

"What Child is This?"

(LBW) No. 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

CHILDREN'S TIME

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

(LBW) No. 67

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

(LBW) No. 60

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king!

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Rejoicing in the good news of Christ’s birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, from you comes all grace and righteousness. Bind your church together during this Christmas season, that we bear witness to the truth of the gospel throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy God, all creation reveals your splendor and majesty. Guide us in caring for the earth and all it contains, and bring about favorable weather during this time of travel. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy God, in the midst of chaos, your Son was born for us. Instill in politicians, military leaders, and civil servants a desire for justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy God, you care for your children in this and every place. Grant relief to those in fear, shelter to the homeless, community to the isolated, joy to expectant parents, relief to those who yearn for children, and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy God, protect those who travel, comfort those who are alone, accompany those who celebrate, and make your presence known among those who gather around word and sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray...

A Holy God, your Son became incarnate to provide salvation for all. Lead us by the example of the faithful departed as we await the blessed hope of the life to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

(LBW) No. 67

2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(Communion will be by intinction. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Form one line in the center aisle. Go right or left corresponding to your seating. Take the wafer from the Pastor and dip it in the chalice held by the assistants.)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

CAROL "From Heaven Above" (LBW) 51 (vs 1,2,3,5,12,14)

1 (All) From heav'n above to earth I come
to bring good news to ev'ryone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing:

2 (All) To you this night is born a child
of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
this newborn child of lowly birth
shall be the joy of all the earth.

- 3 (All) This is the Christ, God's Son most high,
who hears your sad and bitter cry;
he will himself your Savior be
and from all sin will set you free.
- 5 (Men) These are the signs which you will see
to let you know that it is he:
in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes
the child who all the earth upholds.
- 12 (Women) O dearest Jesus, holy child,
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
a holy shrine, within my heart,
that you and I need never part.
- 14 (All) "Glory to God in highest heav'n,
who unto us his Son has giv'n."
With angels sing in pious mirth:
a glad new year to all the earth!

CAROL

"The First Noel"

(LBW) No. 56

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night

Refrain

And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from country far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

This star drew near to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born to day! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Tip your unlit candle over the flame of the lit candle.)

CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

(LBW) No. 65

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.

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!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BENEDICTION

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(There are baskets at the door to receive your Christmas offering.)

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

(LBW) No. 39

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King:
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs emply,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains:
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE “Noël” Op.32, No. 10 *by Joseph J. McGrath* **Craig Jones**

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May you and your family enjoy a blessed Christmas Day as you celebrate together the birth of God’s son! Our thanks to all who have helped to make this Christmas Eve Service a festive celebration.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Join us for a festival worship celebrating the Nativity of our Lord at
9 am tomorrow, on Christmas Day (Sunday).
Happy Birthday to the King!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers Dick & Cathy Renken
Crucifer Brian Liebenstein
Book Bearer/Lay Assistant..... Juliann Hunker
Director of Music Craig Jones
Presiding Minister.....Pastor Dorothy Cottingham

Christmas Poinsettias have been given in memory of:

John Skirvin	by Nancy Skirvin
Betty May (favorite aunt)	by Katie Gutow
My Husband	by EJ Cutler
Don Konarzewski (husband)	by Hilde Konarzewski
Karen (wife) & Greg (son) Larsen	by Steve Larsen
Edie Brink (Mom, grandma & Wife)	
Paul Brink (Brother, uncle & son)	by Bob, Tammy & Brittney Brink
Peter Wheelwright	by LaVaunie Wheelwright
Peter Muntz, Virginia Muntz	by LaVaunie Wheelwright
Our Family	by John & Jane Hershberger
Our Parents	by the Maggio Family
Vonnie Larson & Brother Marv, Parents	by Wayne Larson
Our Parents and Sister	by Dan & Sharon Larsen
Al & Ingrid Meyer and Dale & Grace Johnson	by the Durbetaki Family
George & DeWana Wisner	by Jean & Al Baker
Del & Madeline Baker	by Jean & Al Baker
Karla Hendrickson (daughter)	by Lyla Hendrickson
Walton grandparents, Coster grandparents,	
Margie & Carl Walton, Fusick parents	by Joni & Mark Fusick
Beverly Adams & Judy Monahan	by Bill & Danielle Johnstone

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