



Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

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WELCOME

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service. We are glad you are here and we invite you to worship with us again and often. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Christ Lutheran Church. Please visit our website or check us out on facebook for more information.

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host at the table of Holy Communion and invites all to come. Here the real presence of Jesus meets us under the form of bread and wine. In this sacrament he offers himself to us for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

For the Holy Communion elements, you may use the worship kit, if you requested it, or you may prepare your own. All is right and proper.

Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong, **Lead Pastor**
Rev. Elisa Owen, **Interim Associate Pastor**
Ann Colbert Wade, **Director of Music**

We would like to thank all those who participated in our worship tonight and also for those who offered special music: The Japanese Christian Church, Ann Wade, The Limbongs and The Association of Lutherans Church Musicians (Hannah Limbong is one of the musicians, Ann Wade is a charter member).

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht

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,
heavn'ly hosts sing, alleluia!
*Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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.

*(*Lift your candle up)*

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

A Making Christ Known. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Association of Lutheran Church Musician Video Presentation

Postlude: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

J. S. Bach

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

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.

Candle Lighting

Gospel of Light: John 1:1-5, 14-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Eve



Prelude:

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

What Child Is This

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Two Settings of Quem Pastores

Marpurg
Vaughan Williams
[Limbong Family Video]
Walcha; Willan

Invocation

P In the name of the +Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P God of peace,

C **we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

(Please greet each other with a sign of peace.)

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fidelis

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!

Sing, choir 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

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray....

C 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.

Distribution

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

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!”

Prayers

Offering

Special Music – Japanese Choir

Offering Prayer

A Good and loving God,

C We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Prayer of the day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's sermon

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.



Gloria

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.
C **Glory to you oh Lord.**
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you oh Christ.**

Sermon: “Do not be afraid for I’m bringing you good news!”

Joy To The World

Antioch

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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 employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.