

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*December 24th, 2025
7:00 PM*

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L: Leader C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

ENTRANCE HYMN

#290 ~ Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

#283 ~ O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O 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!

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O 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:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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 on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Lesson – 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 exultation;
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 Great will be his authority,
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: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

L: ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: ² Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

HYMN

#269 ~ Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Second Lesson – Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He 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: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#288 ~ Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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 today! 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 the everlasting hall,
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Gospel – Luke 2:1-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be

a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

L: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

#278 ~ Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

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.

HYMN

#296 ~ What Child is This

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, the Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERING

This would regularly be the time that we'd pass around the offering plate. Mindful of the flu season, you will find the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. You may make your offering there, additionally you are able to support the work of the church through e-transfer (oslcdonation@gmail.com), online giving (www.oursaviourslutheran.ca), or mailing in a cheque. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to shine God's light in the community.

Offering Prayer

L: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.

C: Amen

OFFERTORY HYMN

#279 ~ O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION

Gospel ~ John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him, not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world came into being through him. He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And 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.

HYMN

The Minister, taking a candle, lights it from the Christ Candle, which symbolizes Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, of whom the Gospel of John speaks. The ushers light their candles from the Minister's candle, then lights the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always held upright when giving light to another.

#281 ~ Silent Night

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 Saviour, is born! Christ, the Saviour, is born!

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.

{The candles are extinguished. Keep candles upright until wax has hardened}

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord Look upon you with favour and +give you peace.
C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#267 ~ Joy To The World

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 Saviour 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.

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

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

MERRY CHRISTMAS!