

CANDLELIGHT CAROL 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

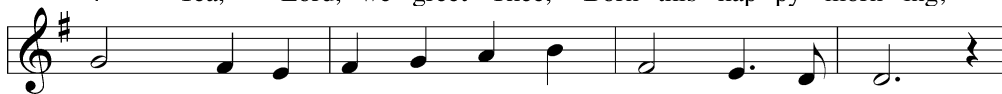
Opening Carol

"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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Please stand

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.

G Amen.

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. —————

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a '5' above the staff, indicating a fifth finger fingering. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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.

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

Confession of Sins

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 \dagger 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 **Most merciful God, You graciously gave Your eternal Son to dwell with us. Continually prepare our hearts to receive His loving presence; through 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Carol

"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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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.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn 368



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

Matthew 1:21

- P** Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
- C** for he will save his people from their sins. **Alleluia.**
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.
- C** **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, ⁶who was with child. 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Carol

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

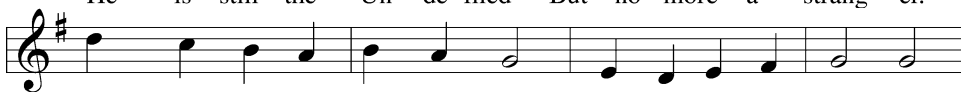
Hymn 374



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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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 Carol

"What Child is This"

Hymn 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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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.

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

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

☐ 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

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Were given to the glory of God in memory of our loved ones ...

GIVEN BY:

Diana Martino	Mari and Lee Epps
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Dale and Chris Anderson	Our parents, son and loved ones
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Keith and Cindy Rieker, Ron and Rosemary Sievers	Our parents, Oscar and Hilda Rieker

IN MEMORY OF:

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Were given to the glory of God in honor of ...

GIVEN BY:

Betty Hohlfeld.....	Our Savior Jesus Christ
Theresa Schaffer	Celebrating the adoption this year of my nieces, Faith and Grace.
Ed and Deb Rufus	

IN HONOR OF:

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Liturgist:	Rev. Mark J. Nelson
Organist:	Peter Wykert
Acolyte:	Ava McClure (5:00) Megan Vietti (7:00)
Sound/Lights:	Mark King family (5:00) Erich Smith (7:00)
Ushers:	Bill Allen, Jacob Mol, Eric Verplaetse (5:00) Craig Olmstead, Matt Chamberlain, Will Olmstead (7:00)



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WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.