

DEPARTURE HYMN ~ *“Joy To The World”*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room.

And heaven and nature sing.

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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.

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

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

Far as, far as the curse is found.

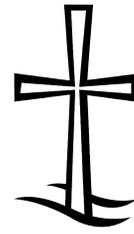
He rules the world with truth and grace.

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!



Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*

Welcome to Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

December 24, 2017~ 5:00pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Prelude: Christmas music videos

Welcome and Announcements, Greeting of Peace to one another

We transition from Advent into Christmas

Entrance Hymn ~“*Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Lighting of the 4 Advent Candles

READING ~ The Christmas Story ~ Luke 2:1-7

The Lighting of the Christmas Candle

HYMN ~“*Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

REFRAIN: *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!

REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in the flesh appearing.

REFRAIN

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**



HYMN OF LIGHT ~ “*Silent Night, Holy 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
Heavenly 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 Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The candles are extinguished.



The Lighting of the Candles



The pastor lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle.

The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION ~ John 1:1-5, 14

THE PRAYERS

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: And peace to God's people on earth.

P: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

P: Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

C: Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

P: Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age,

C: Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

P: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

P: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P: May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

READING ~ Isaiah 9:2-7



HYMN ~ "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 wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on Earth!

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!

READING ~ 1 John 4:7-12

HYMN ~ "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye 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!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen 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!"

GOSPEL READING ~ Luke 2:8-20

HYMN ~ "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

REFRAIN

*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere -
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching, Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light:

REFRAIN

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

REFRAIN

SERMON

"What Difference Does It Make?"



OFFERTORY HYMN

"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!

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!

OFFERING

VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY

"Do You Have Room?" by Shawna Belt Edwards

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

~ THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**