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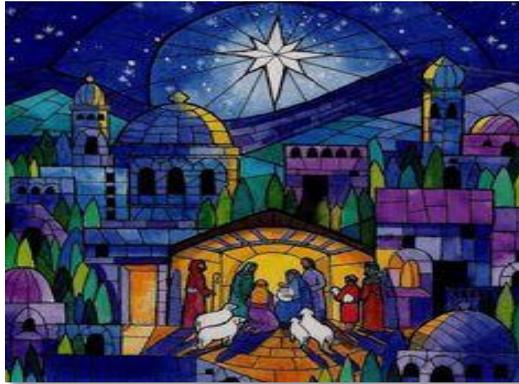
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Christmas Eve Service

A Service of Light and Carols Celebrating
The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24, 2020 4:00 and 7:00 PM



Merry Christmas!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are honored that you have chosen to be with us today! Faith Lutheran Church believes and confesses that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was sent by the Father to save the world, that by believing in Him and accepting Him as our Lord and Savior, we are saved and have the hope of eternal life. That is why we worship Him as Lord!

On Christmas Eve, we celebrate this, ***“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*** (Luke 2:11 ESV) – Blessed be our God Immanuel for ***“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”*** John 1:14

PRELUDE- Special Music

*Annette Stout, Kendalynn Pruitt
and Andrew Cave*

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"*

1) I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
The night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the start shone forth,
And angels sang on earth.

4) I am so glad each Christmas Eve!
His praises then I sing;
He opens now for ev'ry child
The palace of the king.

P: Welcome, may your heart be filled with **Hope – Peace – Joy – Love**. This comes from God and makes this day a Merry Christmas. Today we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ Immanuel – "God with us!"

HYMN: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

1) 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!

Please Be Seated

HYMN: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

1) 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.

3) 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.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-5 (NAU)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

HYMN: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

- 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.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

HYMN: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

1) It came up on the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14 (NKJ)

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

HYMN: *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

1) Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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 new-born king!"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-16 (NKJ)

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

HYMN: *"Away in a Manger"*

- 1) 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.
- 2) The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
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.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:17-18 (NKJ)

¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Go Tell it On the Mountain"*

Andrew Cave

SERMON: *"Christmas Memories"* (4:00)
"Immanuel – "God with Us" (7:00)

Pastor Bailey

As our Lord directed His disciples, so we tonight remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in His Holy Meal.

Faith Lutheran believes that *"all who believe and are baptized will be saved."* (Mark 16:16) Therefore come; you are welcome at the Lord's Table.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION HOLY COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P: Praise and glory to you Lord God and Father, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within; we hope in your return, we have peace because you rule, our joy is in your grace, from which is our faith, and we love you because you have first loved us. Blessed be the name of Jesus our Savior, born Your only begotten Son, King of kings and Lord of lords. His kingdom is forever, and his mercy has come to all whom have been called, and You have made us Your children. May our hearts and minds be open to your word, the true light from heaven - for unto us a child is born – Alleluia - Alleluia - Alleluia - Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and forever shall be.

C: AMEN

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Please twist ON the flame of your candle. Twisting clockwise will activate the flame and twisting counter-clockwise will turn it off. Each family is invited and welcomed to take one candle home as a remembrance of this Christmas Celebration. Please return extra candles for us to use in our other services in the basket as you exit the sanctuary.

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

- 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.
- 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!
- 3) 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.

P: Let our Christmas message be this:

Jesus was born Son of God and Son of Man. To all who believe in Him, He gives the power to become a child of God. Remembering the birth of Jesus in the power given to us in our baptism, we proclaim Jesus Christ King of kings and Lord of lords Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to all.

Please twist off your candles, doing your best to keep the flame attached.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Joy to the World* (LBW 39)

- 1) 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.

- 2) 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.

**Go in Peace and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus
Christ!
Merry Christmas!**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Nikki, Grayson, Cade and Johanna Lange in celebration of the birth of our Savior and in of loving memory of Chris Lange.



**POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN LOVING
HONOR OF:**



Our children, grandchildren – by Steve and Susan Foerster

Carolyn Westerholm – by Kerry and Mary Koehler and Family

Patrick & Leati Lang, Paige & Cooper, Leanna Menn, Blake & Kendalynn
Pruitt and Jet Crabb – by Albert and
Irene Menn

Our family and friends – Mark and Sharon Westerholm

Our parents: Roy & Vada Bockhorn and John & Doris Biediger – by Roy &
Katherine Biediger

The birth of the Christ Child: Joy to the World! The Lord has come! – by
Ed and Joyce Engelhardt

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Lee Herrick – by Avis Herrick



Orville and Wilma Blackorby and Dickie Ullrich – by
Spitzie and
Jeanine Ullrich

Our parents and grandparents – by Steve and Susan Foerster

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