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ORDER OF WORSHIP – Tuesday, December 24, 2024 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Welcome

Announcements

- Communion is celebrated at each service. Please contact the church office if you are unable to come into the building and wish to receive.
- Sign up for our email distribution list to receive updates and important announcements.
- **Christmas Servants-** Thank you to our Worship Leaders, Ushers, Singers, Instrumentalists and Media team for their service this Christmas season. They are Christmas Angels!
- **Christmas Greetings-** Our Church staff families, Pastor Marty and Mrs. Teresa Tyce and Ramona and Henry Adams, join in wishing you and yours a most joyous and blessed Christmas. May the Christmas miracle, the Christ Child, Emmanuel, stir

you heart to become a Bethlehem-the place where He dwells throughout the New Year and always.

Prelude

Choir- Gloria

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Amid the darkness of the world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust in Your will.

P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

P: The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.

C: Forgive our reluctance to seek You with all our hearts.

P: The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Entrance Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

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;

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,

Light of Light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father

Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

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 glory giv'n!

Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

L: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and rejoice in his coming to us,

C: we light the Christ candle.

(Acolyte lights 4 candles and Christ candle)

L: Jesus Christ is our hope

C: He is our peace

L: Jesus Christ is our joy

C: He is love pure, holy, undying love.

L: Whoever believes in him will never perish but have eternal life.

C: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Prayer of the Nativity of Our Lord

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He come to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the

test.”¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo- O Holy Night

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord...

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir- Of the Father's Love Begotten

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18–25 (Please stand)

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All 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).

²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Christmas Message

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361 (1,4)

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above the 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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descent 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!

Christmas Prayer

P: Let us pray. O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around Your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence, and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ's love with all the world, for He is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

C: Amen

Service of the Sacrament

Preface:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lords.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise,

Sanctus (LSB 178)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might;

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

The Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

Agnus Dei (LSB 180)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us

Peace.

Communion Hymns

Away In a Manger LSB 364

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear LSB 366

1. It came, upon 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.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov’ring wing.
And ever o’er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

3. All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low.
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow;
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring your peace; Of Him the angels sing.

4. For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old.
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring.
And all who take this gift will hear The son the angels sing.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Great and saving God,

You have gathered Your scattered people around gifts of grains and wine,
the body and blood of our Savior, Christ.

As we, like the shepherds return on our way,
May we proclaim all we have heard and seen.

Praising You in word and loving deed

For the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Candle Lighting Litany

L: The world was dark and still until the light of Christ appeared.

C: Let the Lord's light shine on those who sit in darkness.

L: The Babe of Bethlehem glows with the good news of forgiveness
and the Cross of Calvary provides the light of salvation.

C: Let the Lord's light shine on those who sit in darkness.

L: A sparkling star in the heavens and a glorious company of angels
announce Christ's holy birth.

C: Let the message of Christ's birth come to light within us.

L: The shepherds go to the manger and share what they have seen.

**C: Let us spread the light of God's love in Bethlehem's manger
to the people gathered here.**

L: For in Christ's light,

C: We see light.

L: From this day forward may the birth of Christ Jesus be a lamp unto our feet.

C: And may it be a light for our path through all the coming days.

L: Come, let us live

C: in the light of the Lord.

Carol: Silent Night LSB 363

1. Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yond 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 Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Benediction

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 pecoe of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Carol: Joy to the World LSB 387

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. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs empty,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins 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.

4. 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.

Postlude

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