

Friday, December 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. Services

Christmas Eve

Special Music: Bell Choir:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Come, All Ye Faithful"

"What Child Is This"

"Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather in the name of our baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. God, wonderful counselor,

A: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

A: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

A: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 257: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1-4

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



- Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



- un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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Prayer of the Day

P: 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For 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.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
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.

P: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 96 (7:00 PM)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: 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."

P: 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.

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

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

Special Music (10:00 PM): "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

Second Reading: Titus: 2:11-14

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

P: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 249: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" verses 1 & 2

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

P: The Gospel according to Luke.

A: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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 for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by

night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 249: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” verses 3 & 4

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 290: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Nicene Creed

A: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

P: Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: Love whispers to a weary world that the time for rest and restoration has come. Maintain healthy cycles of wake and sleep for all creatures. Where light pollution disrupts natural rhythms, encourage new practices. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: Love cries to a warring world that the time for peace is at hand. Direct those in power who make decisions on behalf of others, that they nurture and sustain all that is healthy, good, and holy. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night (especially). Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love, especially:

World Hunger & Poinsettia Gifts

Given in Honor of:

Children and Grandchildren, by Stan and Debbie McQuaide

Parents and Grandparents, by Jamie and Katie McMullen

Chris, Tiffany, Zachary, Meghan, Lily, and Eli Swartz, by Paul and Gayle Swartz

Keith, Wendy, Nathaniel, and Olivia Mayket, by Paul and Gayle Swartz

Petkosh Families, by Rodger and Debbie Thomas

Thomas Families, by Rodger and Debbie Thomas

Given in Memory of:

David J. Brehm, Jr., by David J. Brehm III and Family

Tammy (Michaels) Conaghan, by loving mother Claudia Plows

Patricia Custer, by Custer Family

Jenneal (Horner) Crawley, by Cindy and Albert Buday

Oscar and Eva Eschrich, by William Eschrich

Paul, Betty, and David Gindlesperger, by Joyce Gindlesperger

Joseph Grosholz, Sr., by loving fiancée Claudia Plows

Ray and Dorothy Hite, by Joyce, Jason, Suzanne, and Sophia Hite

Luther and Kathleen Horner, by Cindy and Albert Buday

Otto and Mary Kendzora, by Joyce, Jason, Suzanne, and Sophia Hite

Beverly Ann Kocis, by loving husband Joe Kocis

Paul and Ann Kormanik, by Jeff and Phyllis Nider and Family

Joseph and Mildred Kocis, by Joe Kocis

Charles and Louise Ling, by Joe Kocis

Zak Lonsinger, by Stan and Debbie McQuaide

Zakary Lonsinger, by Mark, Shari, Kelsie, and Jared McQuaide

Loved Ones, by Susan and Rachel Brandau

Loved Ones, by Paul and Gayle Swartz

Dorothy McQuaide, by Lee McQuaide

Linda McQuaide, by Bill, Cara, Kyle, and Jordan Lonsinger

Linda McQuaide, by Mark, Shari, Kelsie, and Jared McQuaide

Linda McQuaide, by Stan and Debbie McQuaide

Tim and Beaver McQuaide, by Lee McQuaide

Zakary McQuaide Lonsinger, by Bill, Cara, Kyle, and Jordan Lonsinger

Dale Middleton, by Stan and Debbie McQuaide

Mike and Pauline Nider, by Jeff and Phyllis Nider and Family

Catherine Oleksa, by Kevin and Chris Oleksa

Benny and Phyllis Petrarca, by Joyce, Jason, Suzanne, and Sophia Hite

Jim and Dorothy Pozun, by the Solarczyk and George Families

Albert Sojak, by Kevin and Chris Oleksa

Bob and Clara Solarczyk, by the Solarczyk and George Families

Glenn and LaVerne Trent Way, by Joyce and Brittany Spangler

Dan Warman, by Susan and Rachel Brandau

Given to the Glory of God:

Becky Lilja

P: Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

Great Thanksgiving: ELW: 271: "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve *Jeg er så glad hver julekvel*



Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;
1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

Text: Marie Wexelsen, 1832–1911; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881–1959
Music: JEG ER SÅ GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819–1863
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Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

A: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music:

ELW 289 – "Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 487 – "What Feast of Love"

ELW 265 – "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

ELW 288 – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW 292 – "Love Has Come"

Prayer After Communion

P: Radiant God,

A: with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✠ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

A: Amen.

Candle Lighting: ELW 281: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Silent Night, Holy Night! *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!*



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

Sending:

P: Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

A: Thanks be to God!