



CHRISTMAS EVE

He will be called...

Emmanuel

December 24, 2022

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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December 24, 2022
4pm and 8pm – Christmas Eve
Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew.

Children’s Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come . . .”

With joy we greet you in the name of Christ.

Your presence helps add to the happiness of Christmas.

Welcome one and all!

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

GATHERING WORDS

P: Let’s go right now to Bethlehem

All: and see what the shepherds saw.

P: Let’s go right now to see what’s happened

All: and rejoice in the birth of Christ.

P: Let’s go right now to ponder with Mary,

All: to listen and remember, and to rejoice in the miracle of Christmas.

WELCOME

Please Stand

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CHOIR: *“God with Us, Emmanuel”*

Maker of the stars of night, of the sun by day,
rise in us and bring your light; burn our shadows away.
In the darkness where we dwell,
we await the light of God, Emmanuel.

LITANY: *He Will Be Called Emmanuel*

L: During our Advent journey we've anticipated the coming Savior.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

L: We've anticipated the One who is called Wonderful Counselor.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

L: We've anticipated the one who is called Mighty God.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

L: We've anticipated the one who is called Prince of Peace.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

L: We've anticipated the One who is called Everlasting Father.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

L: Tonight our waiting is over as we celebrate the One who is Emmanuel, our God, who is with us.

All: Joy to the world, our Redeemer has come!

Candles are lit

P: Tonight we light all the candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us of our joy in proclaiming Christ as our Mighty God. The third candle grants us comfort knowing that Jesus is our Prince of Peace. The fourth candle reminds us of Christ's continued presence as our Everlasting Father. Tonight,

as the light from these candles fill this room, we light the Christ candle, as we welcome and worship the One who is Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.



Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, _____ Prince of Peace,



Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.



Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. _____ God with



us, Em - man - u - el. _____

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Gracious God, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names.

All: Tonight as we celebrate your birth, we thank you for being our Emmanuel. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we've been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Savior. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is born!

All: Christ is born indeed!

L: Light is shining in the darkness,

All: and the darkness cannot overcome it.

L: Love is shining in our hearts.

All: May love and light fill our worship.

OPENING HYMN: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1,3



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

P: God of light and love,

All: shine upon us this Christmas Eve and in the year ahead.

P: Guide us out of darkness and into your joyous light.

All: May our lives reflect your glorious love, that others may see your Christmas Spirit in us, each and every day of our lives. Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace and loving-kindness of our Savior Jesus Christ, word made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary, is with you all.

All: And also with you.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” vs.

1,2



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king!”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Living God, on this holy night we gather –

All: to stand with the shepherds, amazed at your glory;

L: to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;

All: to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;

L: to sit with Mary, cradling your love.

All: May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy;

L: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, our Redeemer.

All: Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

[8pm] CHOIR ANTHEM: “All Praise to Thee”

Please Stand

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit,

All: teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts;

Reader: through Jesus Christ,

All: your Word made flesh. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS READING: *Luke 2:1 – 20*

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Once we walked in darkness.

All: But now we dwell in everlasting light.

Reader: For the Christ child is with us,

All: Our salvation is at hand.

Reader: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

All: Everlasting Creator, Prince of Peace.

Reader: Leave the darkness behind.

All: Our light has come.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Tim

Please Stand



PRE-MESSAGE HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” vs. 1,2

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

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.

Refrain

Be Seated

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Pastor Tim

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: What can we offer to God in return for the gift of Christ Jesus?

All: We can offer our love, our joy, our hope, our peace.
We can offer our commitment to share these gifts
with the ones Jesus came to serve and save.

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “In the Bleak Midwinter” vs. 3

All: What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of surprise and wonder, you came in a way no one expected.

All: When we looked for you in power and might, you came in weakness and vulnerability.

L: As we worship you anew this night, open our hearts to those you came to save— especially the least and the lost.

All: May the gifts we offer into your service continue the work you began in a manger so many years ago. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family. Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your authority is over the nations. Break the rod of oppression in every land and free all people from fear. Bring peace where there is war, compassion where there is suffering, and healing where there is disease. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You cherish those who are most vulnerable. Protect infants and children, and bless those who care for them. Watch over women giving birth, attend the dying, and relieve any who are in pain. Shelter refugee families and those who have no home. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your loving-kindness embraces everyone in need. Help any for whom this season is lonely or joyless. Comfort those among us, or known to us, who are experiencing distress of body or mind, missing loved ones, or grieving. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: tune - “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*”

L: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

All: And may the Lord be with you too.

L: Lift your hearts to God in praise.

All: To the Lord our hearts we raise.

L: Let us offer praises true.

All: It is fitting so to do:

Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!

THE PREFACE

P: Creating God, in the beginning was the Word. You spoke the Word and the world came into being. The Word you spoke was hope. The Word you spoke was justice. The Word you spoke was love. Throughout the years the prophets echoed your Word, promising a child who would bring light to our darkness, a child who would bring endless peace to our world of violence. With joy we sing...

THE SANCTUS: tune - “*From Heaven Above*”

**All: As light breaks forth, we sing Your praise
To you, Redeemer of our days,
For we have found in Jesus’ birth
Good news of peace and human worth.**

CONSECRATION

P: In the fullness of time, you sent your Word to us. A child was born in a stable. A star shone, leading the world to the child. Angels came to shepherds with good news and songs of praise.

All: There was great joy for all people, for Jesus Christ was born: Savior of the world, hope of the nations, light for all creation.

P: The baby grew into a man who healed the sick, reached out in compassion. Taught your ways, and proclaimed your truth. On his last night with his friends, he gave us one more gift – the gift of a meal for remembering; the gift of a meal for hope and joy. And so, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, sharing the nourishment of body and spirit. He said to them: “Take, eat and remember. I am Emmanuel, God with you.” After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and shared it with his friends. He said to them: “Drink this. This is a cup of blessing, a cup of forgiveness. This is God’s gift, offered in love.” And so, we ask your blessings on these ordinary things: gifts of the earth, gifts of the bread and fruit of the vines.

All: Make them be for us Jesus Christ, gift of love, Emmanuel, hope of the nations.

P: Send your Spirit upon us this night, that we may be the faithful body of Christ, sharing the gift of your love with grateful hearts and joyful minds.

All: Bless us this night and forevermore.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Joy to the world! Our Savior has come.

All: Let every heart receive our Redeemer!

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD: tune - *“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”*

All: O Lamb of God who takes away our sins, have mercy.

O Lamb of God who takes away our sins, have mercy.

O Lamb of God who takes away

the sins of all the earth, we pray:

Jesus, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Glory be to God on high.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant’s tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.



COMMUNION HYMN: "The First Noel"



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



COMMUNION HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



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.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: On this night, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us.

All: As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people.

P: Let the gladness of this feast have no end

All: as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



POST COMMUNION THANKS: tune - “*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*”

All: Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,
What He has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His name
Who leads His thankful people forth
His promises to claim.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Be Seated

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

P: The God who said, “*Let there be light,*” has caused light to shine in our hearts.

All: That light is the glory of God reflected in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: As our candles are a sea of light lit from the one light of Christ, so may we the people of God reflect Christ’s light and love in this world.

All: Amen. May it be so.

The pastor lights candle from the center candle.

Ushers light their candles from the pastor’s candle, then light the candle of the worshiper next to the aisle.

The lit candles should NOT be tipped – tip the *unlit* candle when lighting from a neighbor’s candle.

DURING CANDLE LIGHTING:

[8 pm] “*Candle Carol*” – Choir

CANDLELIGHT HYMN: "Silent Night"



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,



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,



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



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

LITANY

P: God of light, you shine in the deepest darkness.

All: Christ is born!

L: Praise God that the light of our Savior shines so brilliantly in the darkness.

All: Christ is born!

P: Arise! And, may the light of Christ radiate through us to our needy world.

All: In God there is no darkness! Christ is born! Alleluia! Amen!

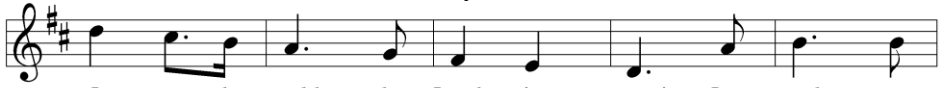
BLESSING

P: May the song of the angels delight you. May the joy of the shepherds be yours. May you ponder all these things, like Mary, in your hearts. May God's peace be yours this holy night! Go with haste to find the babe.

All: Amen.

Please Stand

SENDING OUT HYMN: "Joy to the World" vs. 1,2



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and



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



sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

COMMISSIONING

L: A child has been born for us.

All: God's grace has been given to us.

L: From a stable in Bethlehem our Savior has come. We
have seen the glory of the Creator,

**All: revealed in the face of the Christ child. We can
hardly contain our amazement.**

L: Tell the world. Treasure the story. Ponder it in your heart.

**All: We will glorify and praise God, for all we have heard
and seen!**

L: Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ has come!

All: Glory and praise to God, Merry Christmas!!

POSTLUDE

Special Thanks to . . .

Those who helped decorate the church this Christmas Season;
Those who helped with tonight's worship experience;
Those whose musical talents enriched our services;
YOU for sharing your evening at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**We hope to see you at our Service of Poems and Carols on
December 25th at 10am with Brunch to follow!**

We invite you to join our Regular Sunday Services at 10am



**The Poinsettias decorating our sanctuary are given
by the following people:**

Joann Anderson – *in memory of Elmer and Violet Anderson*

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Joann Anderson – *in memory of Ralph and Marilyn Wieters*

Carmen Blair – *in memory of Ed Blair*

Carmen Blair – *in honor of Henry, Simon, and Elin Blair*

Sharon Chu – *in honor of Lorene Lee*

The Di Paola Family – *in memory of Susan Morgan*

Keith Hillesland and Richard Taylan – *in memory of Harold and Jeanne
Hillesland*

Holy Redeemer Sunday school teachers Christina and Janice – *in honor
of Kathleen Keating*

The Huff Family – *in honor of our families*

The Huff Family – *in memory of our grandparents*

Carmen Jorgenson – *in honor of Theodore (Ted) Jorgenson*

Cheryl and Art Kuhlmann – *in honor of our families*

Terri MacFarlane – *in memory of parents and grandparents*

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The Miedema Family – *in honor of Oma and Opa*

Robert Sanchez and Andrew Sanchez – *in memory of Alex Sanchez*

Linda Shephard – *in honor of my mom Florence Rygh*

Kellie Joe Smith

John and Faye Williams – *in memory of our parents*