

December 24, 2018

5:00pm



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**Christmas Eve Family Service
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools
love, teach and serve through Christ.**

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the Prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

5PM WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Tony Auer

Greeter:	Kathleen Marsden & Dennis Hahle
Acolyte:	Logan Soforenko
Assisting Minister:	Alex Reilly
Lector:	Bonnie Koch
Communion Assistants:	Marshall Bowen, Hannah, Liz & Petra Rickertsen, Vicky Stark, Denise Vanzago, Jane Wilkening, Gerrie Wilkowski

Gaffer: Marshall Bowen **Ushers:** Team 3 **Sound:** Mark Rickertsen

++ Gathering ++

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING CAROL

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS LITANY:

L: In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C: **Oh, come let us worship him.**

L: 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.**

L: Those who dwelt in the land of darkness, on them the light has shined.
C: **We have beheld Christ's glory, the glory of the Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

L: Glory be to the Father, + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
C: **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that we may all walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day awake 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**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

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.

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

Oh, 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*

THE READING OF THE LESSON Titus 3:3-7

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Holy Night
Ben Lowe

Adolphe Adam

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And 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 lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary,

his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Away in the Manger

Children's Choir

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:8-14

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

This star drew near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Tony Auer

MUSICAL OFFERING

He is Born
Chancel Choir

French carol
arr. Roger Wagner

THE PRAYERS

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

L: For the increase of peace among all nations,
For peace within our community and peace within our homes,
that abuses of all kinds might cease, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

L: For the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

L: For the poor, the homeless and the rejected who find “no room,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring compassion to your people.

L: For those who have lost loved ones this year,
who find this Christmas filled with sorrow and loneliness,
for the men and women who serve in our armed forces in lands far from home,
that they and their loved ones would find hope and peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring comfort to our troubled hearts.

L: For those who are searching. For those who like the Wise Men are seeking
someone to believe in.

C: Christ the Lord, bring unity to your church.

L: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

L: Rejoicing in your birth and thankful for your mercy, O Christ, we commend all for
whom we pray.

C: Amen

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

As It Fell Upon a Night
Chancel Choir

English carol
arr. Katherine, K.Davis

OFFETORY 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 PRAYER

L: Blessed are you,

**C: God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Receive these offerings as a token of our thankfulness for the one who gave
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

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 to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to commune. We commune by intinction. Receive the wafer (gluten-free wafers are available, simply ask the server) and dip it in either the ceramic chalice (wine) or the glass chalice (grape juice). Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Welcome to Our World
Emily Koch

Chris Rice

Peace Came to Earth
Chancel Choir

Richard Jeffrey

After all have communed...

MUSICAL OFFERING

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

CANDLES ARE LIT

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior, is born!

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.

BENEDICTION

L: May Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you this Christmas with his light, his truth, and his love.

C: **Amen**

Joy to the World

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

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
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...

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas Eve.
Please join us each Sunday for worship at 10am, ALL are welcome!**

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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.



WELCOME - we worship and fellowship together this week:

December

Church office will remain closed this week and reopen January 2, 2019.

Monday	24	5p	Christmas Eve family service & Living Nativity
		10p	Christmas Eve Candlelight service
Tuesday	25		Merry Christmas!
Wednesday	26		
Thursday	27		
Friday	28		
Saturday	29	9a	Altar Guild
Sunday	30	9a	Adult Bible Study
		10a	Worship/Sunday School



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