

# CHRISTMAS EVE



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*Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.*

*Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHRISTMAS LITANY

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

**And also with you.**

This is the night of wonder.

**This is the night of anticipation.**

This is the night of mystery and magic and marvelous joy.

**This is the night of celebration.**

Come and let us worship

**the baby born, Emmanuel;**

the baby born for you and me;

**the baby born this night for all.**

Come and let us worship Christ our Savior.

**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

## HYMN

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

**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!*

**The 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 all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

#### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Emmanuel,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.**  
**We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;**  
**we have not always recognized your presence among us;**  
**we have not always embraced your message of peace.**  
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.**  
**We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge;**  
**our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones;**  
**our reluctance to embody your good news.**  
**Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**  
**Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
In the holy name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Let the earth and all people rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray,  
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.  
**Amen.**

ANTHEM

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

arr. Helgen  
RLC Choir

HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Vs. 1, 3)*

ELW 270

**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!”**

*Refrain:*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain***

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar 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 in the guest room.

HYMN

*Away in a Manger (Vs/ 1. 3)*

ELW 277

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Now in that same 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!"

HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (Vs. 1, 3)

ELW 289

**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.**

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

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, and 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, just as it had been told them.

**The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

HYMN

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

**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.**

**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.**

## OFFERING

*We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.*

*Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.*

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,*

*or scan the QR code in this bulletin.*

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*



## OFFERING MUSIC

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. Luboff  
RLC Choir

## PRAYERS

**Response: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

*While passing the Christmas light to your neighbor, hold the lit candle upright while your neighbor tips the unlit candle until lit.*

HYMN

*Silent Night*

ELW 281

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.

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!

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.

#### CHRISTMAS BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The child is born! Alleluia!  
**Our God has come among us!**  
Let the whole earth rejoice!  
**Let us leave the manger**  
knowing that we have seen the Lord, and glorifying and praising God  
**for all that we have heard and seen.**  
Alleluia! Our God is now here!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen**

*Please quietly blow out your candles and place them in the baskets at the back  
of the sanctuary as you leave.  
Merry Christmas!*

## *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

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