

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

GATHERING	“Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Thomas Praetorius
PRELUDE	“Il Est Ne Born Is He the Holy Child”	French Carol
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
GREETING		
PRAISE SINGING & PRAYER	“Angels We Have Heard on High” “Joy to the World” (Shout for Joy) Time of Prayer	“Good News” Worship Team
WELCOME		
*MEMORY VERSE		
OFFERING	“Away in a Manger”	Tom Burson
KIDS RELEASED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH		
<i>This option is for children pre-K through 5th grade. Kids can stay in worship or go to Children’s Church.</i>		
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:41-51	Charlie Dean
MESSAGE Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Amazed, Astounded and Astonished”		
PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Mary’s Little Boy Child”	Ed Llojeski
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Hark Hear The Bells”	Ukrainian Carol

Memory Verse

“But those who did welcome Him, those who believed in His name, He gave them the ability to become God’s children.” -John 1:12

\*Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor	Mike Aakre, Office Manager
Jim Klepper, Christian Education Director	Tom Burson, Organist
Clancy Craven, Associate of Christian Education	Pam Wright, Choir Director



Welcome to  
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December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING	“Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Thomas Praetorius
PRELUDE	“Il Est Ne Born Is He the Holy Child”	French Carol
WELCOME		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Carl & Sylvia Rolfs
OPENING CAROL	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	UMH#240 (vs. 1-3)
*MEMORY VERSE		
OFFERING	“Good Samaritan Fund” for Local Benevolence	
CHOIR ANTHEM	“On This Holy Night”	Don Besig
*DOXOLOGY	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH#238 (vs.1 & refrain)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
CHRISTMAS PRAYER		UMH#231
THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH#894
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	“Baby Jesus is Born!”	Jim Klepper & Clancy Craven
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	
MESSAGE	Christmas through Mary’s Eyes: “Not a Silent Night”	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	Jim Klepper
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE		
*CAROL	“Silent Night”	UMH#239 (vs.1-4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Hark Hear The Bells”	Ukrainian Carol

We will end this service with a Candle lighting ceremony. Everyone is asked to pick up an unlit candle as they enter the service. Later in the service, the congregation will be invited to take their unlit candles and form a circle around the sanctuary. Candles will be lit from one to another as we sing the final carol. Battery operated candles will also be available.

This Week’s Schedule

	<u>Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup></u> Christmas Eve 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship with Praise Team 2:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service <i>a capella</i>
	<u>Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup></u> Christmas Day Office closed
	<u>Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup></u> 6:15 p.m. Praise Team (sanctuary)
	<u>Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup></u> 11:00 a.m. Older Folders (room 221)
	<u>Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup></u> 8:15 a.m. Prayer for Worship 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:15 a.m. Prayer for Worship 10:30 a.m. “Good News” Contemporary Service
	<b>Upcoming events, holidays &amp; special Sundays:</b> Mon., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> New Year’s Day (office closed) Sun., Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Mon., Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Announcements

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule Today

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship with Praise Team and choir
- 2:30 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with carols and choir
- 11:30 p.m. Candlelight Service (1/2 hour) with acapella carols

No Sunday School or Children’s Church Today and on Sun., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Now is the time for our faithful teachers and students to be home with their families during the Christmas holiday. Sunday School will resume on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Special Children’s Moment & Gift During Christmas Eve Services

We will be offering a special Children’s Moment at our 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. A special Christmas gift will be included for the children!

Message Next Sunday

What would you do if God sent an angel to inform you that you had been chosen for a very special role? We’d like to think we’d accept, right? We might even feel honored! Yet that first Christmas, Mary shows us a godly response: to instead honor God! Next Sunday as we look into 2024, Mary reminds us to trust solidly in good, saving God and always magnify Him!

Pick Up Your 2024 Giving Envelopes at the Welcome Desk

Offering envelope boxes are now available in the lobby for you to pick up. If you don’t find a box with your name on it and would like one, there are unassigned envelope boxes for your use. Simply write down your name and the box number that you took. Boxes will be available to pick up for until Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. After that time, they will be mailed out. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of our ministries! If you have questions, please contact Financial Secretary Brian Nass at 507-923-8542.

Christmas Offering Will Go to the Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

100% of your gift will go directly to fund qualified emergency needs in the Rochester area.

Office Closed on Christmas & New Year’s Day

The Evangel office will be closed on Mon., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Mon., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

No Evening Activities for Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Normal Wednesday activities will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Remembrances

- Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Roger Ormand.
- Flowers in the lobby are in memory of Don, Marion & and DJ Schmudlach.

Prayer Concerns

- Phyllis Hammes broke her pelvis.
- Lane Hermanson’s mother, Carol, passed to the glory on Fri., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Jacque Heidebrink will be at Mayo Healthcare Center, Waseca for a few weeks.
- Paula Jackson’s aunt, Donna, has begun treatment for Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma.
- Paula Jackson’s cousin, Mark Bode, had surgery for stage 4 mouth cancer on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Stan Johnson was moved to Samaritan Bethany for rehabilitation.
- Amy Neveau continues to heal from breast cancer surgery.
- Michael Stelck moved to Madonna Meadows in Rochester.

Continued Prayers

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| • Gene Long – Parkinson’s disease and back pain | • Alyssa Neveau – College student                  |
| • Ian McDonough – College student               | • Randy Rieken – Metastasized lung cancer          |
| • Lane McDonough – College student              | • Lorene Robinett – Mobility issues                |
| • Sean McDonough – College student              | • Charles Schneider – Leukemia and mobility issues |
| • Ruth Ann Miles – Parkinson’s disease          | • Barb Schroeder – Metastasized pancreatic cancer  |

Poinsettias

- Evangel Senior Choir, *in memory of* Harold Wright, Deanne Kisrow, Tom Tempero, Loyce Brown, Neill Heusinkveld & Sue McRoberts
- Jim & Pat Cooper, *in honor of* their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
- Tom & Hollie Dunford, *in memory of* all our loved ones we are missing
- Roger Erickson, *in memory of* Christine Goodall
- Leon Gregg, *in memory of* choir friends
- Sandra Hart, *in honor of* loved ones who have passed and those still with us
- Maurine Johnson and Ed & Linda Manthei, *in memory of* Glenn Johnson
- Hal & Jane Kossman, *in memory of* Harold & Martha Jones and Wayne & Virginia Kossman
- Myrna Kroening, *in memory of* Curt Kroening
- Romayne Thompson, *in memory of* Fern S. McKnight, William & Maxine McKnight
- David & Reese Werner, *in memory of* Lorraine Werner
- James & Brenda White, *in memory of* Stewart & Myrle White and Arthur Scammell

You may choose a plant to take home after the 7:00 pm service on Christmas Eve