



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*



**December 24, 2019 8:00 & 10:30 PM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service**



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**A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!** Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

**We love having children worship with us!** We invite parents or care givers to sit with their child(ren) around one of our children's worship tables where they can be a part of our service and engaging in quiet activities. If your child gets restless, an usher can show you and your children to our fully staffed **Wiggle Room (Nursery)** where your children can play until they are able to return. **One of the attendants will give you a pager in case your child needs you.**

<b>Worship Assistants</b>		
	<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>10:30 Service</b>
<b>Musical Director</b>	Jon Koelker	Ken Galle
<b>Musical Accompanist</b>	Jonathan Bock	Jonathan Bock
<b>Liturgical Deacon</b>	Yvonne Topping	Alice Vosburg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elianne Bororing	Patrio Marcus
<b>Ushers</b>	Alice & Franklyn Vosburg	Jill & Jerry Schock
<b>Counters</b>	TBD & TBD	Barry & Phyllis Philbrick
<b>Greeters</b>	TBD & TBD	Larry & Bonnie Sanders
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Judy Hollister	Rani Marcus
<b>Roving Greeter</b>	Mark Beliveau	Linda Swiatcoah
<b>Sound System</b>	Rey Bororing	Franklyn Vosburg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynne Clement & Pam Shaw	Leslie Darling
<b>Office Coordinator</b>	Mark Donahue	

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## Introductory Music (before the Service begins)

**8:00 pm**

*(Pre-service Music Begins at 7:30)*

Shirley Jackson—"A Star Was His Candle"

Bells—"Angels We Have Heard on High, Away in a Manger, Joyful Joyful"

Kolintang and guitar—"Away in a Manger"

Silvia Hitijahubessy (Immanuel)—"Gloria"

Melanie Soebagio (Immanuel)—JSBach's "Ave Maria"

Dot Kasik—"Christmas Lullaby"

Olivia Krick—"Silent Night"

**10:30 pm**

*(Pre-service Music Begins at 10:15)*

Olivia Krick—"Silent Night"

Choir Hymn Selections

**OUR HYMNS** – We have printed the words to these familiar Christmas Carols in this bulletin to make it easier to sing them. Should you wish to see both words and music, we have included the hymn numbers in the red hymnal (found under your seat) so that you can follow along.

## WELCOME

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)

During this reading the Christ candle, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World, is lit. Even though it is just one candle, its singular flame reminds us that the Light of Christ disperses the gloom and darkness of our lives and in this world.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You 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. <sup>4</sup> For 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. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For 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. <sup>7</sup> His 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# Lighting of Advent Wreath

Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283

—Please stand as able—

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**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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**

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 2:1-7**

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

## Carol

### **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**ELW 279**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 2:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn 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*

***Refrain***

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

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*

## Gospel Reading

## Luke 2:15-20

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

## Carol

## "Away in a Manger"

ELW 277

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

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

## Sermon

## Carol

## “Joy to the World”

ELW 267

—Please stand as able—

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,  
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n 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, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, 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,  
far as the curse is found, far as, 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,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## The Offering and Anthem

—Please stand as able—

**8:00 pm**

Noah Crawford

**10:30 pm**

Choir Hymn Selections

## Offertory Carol “The First Noel”

ELW 300

The first Noel the angel 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.

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

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

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



## Offertory Prayer

LD: Let us pray.

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

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 our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty, delight and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who**

**Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.**

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

P: Now as our Lord has taught us, we are bold to pray.

**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.**

**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,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## The Reception of Holy Communion

—Please be seated—

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be two communion stations. We will commune by intinction – dip the wafer of bread into the chalice of wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. If you would like to receive communion, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

## Bell Choir Performance

## “Christmas Bell Tidings” *(M. Ryan)*

Communion carol performed by the bell choir (8:00 Service only)

**Communion Carol “What Child is This”**

**ELW 296**

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!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail,  
hail the Word made flesh, 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!

**Communion Carol “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**ELW 276**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

## Communion Carol “In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW 294

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

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.

## Communion Blessing

—Please stand as able—

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C:** **Amen**

## Celebration of Light (*Candle-lighting ceremony*)

Pastor will take the light from the Christ candle to share with the ushers who will assist in passing the light through the sanctuary. Individual candles will be lit by tipping only unlit candles to receive the flame from those already lit. Worshipers are cautioned not to tip burning candles, lest hot wax spill. Adults are asked to assist and help children.

P: The Grace of God has come to us and touches our lives.

**C: Jesus our Savior is born!**

P: Praise the Lord with heart filled joy!

**C: We praise the Lord, for the Word has come to dwell with us.**

P: The light of Christ shines across the ages even into our world and our hearts this night.

**C: God loves us.**

P: Jesus is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Carol

“Silent Night”

ELW 281

**The *Immanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church* will sing the first verse of Silent Night in Indonesian with Soloists while the candles are being lit. (8:00 service only)**

Solo: DALAM MALAM SUNYI DAN SENYAP T'RUS .....

**C: MALAM KUDUS .....**

**Silent night,**

Solo: BINTANG-BINTANGPUN T'RANG DAN GEMERLAP .....

**C: SUNYI SENYAP .....**

**holy night!**

Solo: T'LAH DATANG SATU BUNYI YANG .....

**C: SIAPA YANG .....**

**All is Calm, .....**

Solo: MANIS DAN INDAH DAN SENYAP .....

C: **B'LUM LELAP .....**

**All is Bright .....**

Solo: YESUS ... . PENEBUS .....

C: **AYAH BUNDA YANG TINGGALLAH T'RUS .....**

**Round Yon virgin mother, and Child .....**

Solo: S'KA...RANG ..... LAHIRLAH ..... TRUS.....

C: **JAGA ANAK YANG MAHA KUDUS .....**

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild .....**

*Solo: SUDAH G'NAP ... JANJI ALLAH ....T'LAH*

C: **ANAK DALAM MALAF .....**

**Sleep in heavenly peace,.....**

Solo: JADI ... .. G'NAP .....

C: **ANAK DALAM MALAF .....**

**Sleep in heavenly peace,**

**10:30 ONLY – the following verse is sung by the congregation:**

**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.**

**8:00 and 10:30 – the congregation sings the last two verses:**

**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!**

## **Benediction**

**—Please stand as able—**

**P:** Let the light of Christ shine through our lives and bring mercy, peace, and love wherever we go.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**—Please remain standing—**

**LD:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**—Please carefully extinguish the individual candles and return them to a basket in the narthex.—**

*As you depart, go renewed in God's promise in Christ for you. Be safe in your travels!  
May this Christmas season offer you peace!*

Please return to join us in worship: **Sundays at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

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