

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

Friday, December 24, 2021 11:00 pm

Candlelight Carol Service of Holy Communion

GATHERING/WELCOME

Walk in the Light Church Choir

Gentle Mary Chamber Choir

Silent Night Holy Comforter Handbell Choir

PRELUDE: *The First Noel* Church Choir



KYRIE Stand & Face the Back of The Church

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Assisting Minister

Petition..... let us pray.

Assisting Minister


Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O

All

God. A -

<i>To the Prayer of the Day</i>	<i>To the Evening Hymn of Praise</i>
men.	men.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. All Stand and Sing



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

C Amen

Assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM: *The Lord Shall Come* Chamber Choir

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION All Stand & Sing

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Micah

HYMN: *What Child is This* All Stand & Sing



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy.”

The congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Who’s That Baby? Church Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious God,

C your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation for "The Great Thanksgiving" consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is divided into two parts: "The Lord be with you." (Presider) and "And al - so with you." (All). The second staff is also divided: "Lift up your hearts." (Presider) and "We lift them to the Lord." (All). The third staff is "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Presider). The fourth staff is "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (All). The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with some rests.

Presider *All*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Presider *All*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister gives God thanks and invites the assembly to join heaven's hymn of Praise: ...” We Praise your name and join their unending hymn”...

SANCTUS

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER Tune: *Away In A Manger*

1. Our Father in heaven,
All praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us,
Your will done the same.
By mortals and angels,
Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us
from heaven's high throne.

2. The bread that we yearn for
Provide us each day;
As we forgive others,
Our sins take away;
In times of temptation,
Lead us to be near;
From evil deliver
Your children most dear.

3. For Yours is the kingdom;
o're all things You reign.
And Yours is the power;
All things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation,
Forever! Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All people are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Christ's real presence and grace. You will be invited forward by row, receive the elements from the communion assistant, and then return to your seat. There you may briefly remove your mask to eat and drink the bread and wine, then put your mask on. The cups may be placed in the small bin in your pew by the aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Repeat



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Now The Heavens Start to Whisper Church Choir

COMMUNION HYMN: *Love Has Come* All Sing



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.



CANDLELIGHTING

The pastor will light his candle from the large Christ Candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. With the assistance of the acolyte, the light will be passed throughout the congregation. *Please use the extinguishers in each pew to put out the candle, and do not remove your mask to blow it out.*

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL: *Silent Night All Sing*
(Raise your candle at “*Christ, the Savior is born*” and “*Jesus, Lord at your birth.*”)

1. 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.

2. 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!



3. 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.



THE BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

(Please extinguish your candles)



SENDING CAROL: *Joy to the World* All Sing

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

THE SENDING

P Glory to God in the highest!

C **Peace to God's people on earth!**

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* All Sing

**We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Special Thanks to All our Church Musicians:

Church Choir

Chamber Choir

Handbell Choir

Greg Byrum: Soloist

Repeat Refrain

** A Special thank you to our lector Ashley Hyman

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**A Special Thank You to Everyone who made this a
Wonderful Advent & Christmas Season!**

Welcome Christmas friends! Jesus is born this day. May He be born again in your hearts this night. We especially welcome guests of Holy Comforter. **Please** fill out a card from the rack in front of you. If you do not have a Church home in the community, please consider joining Holy Comforter on Sundays.

NOTE: All classes and music activities resume January 9th.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

GLORY TO GOD:

Greg Byrum

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Mary) Byrum

Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline

Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby

Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller

John & Leslie Crist in Honor of Wyatt & Brooklyn Suttentfield. & Max & Olive McCotter,
Patrick & Jacob Crist

The Kearney Family in honor of the saints of Holy Comforter, past and present (2 poinsettias)

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye H. Bean

Jim, Alex & Garrett Buell in memory of Carmen Buell

Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum

Shirley Causby in memory of Tommy Causby

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Dr and Mrs William Kannapel

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Susan K. Misner

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Paul Outlaw

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Myra & John Yount

Susan & Don Nelson in memory of Charles Grafton

Allie Flusche in memory of Adrielle Goodwin

Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Helena Noel

Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Richard "Dick" Halverson

John & Leslie Crist in Memory of Ray and Rita Broome, Bill & Rosa Crist

Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of Shirley Sharpe Robertson

Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of James Allen Reese

Rianna Nance In Memory of Theron Nance

Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice and Mark Lysterly

Debbie Williams in memory of loved ones

Shelia Kelly in memory of parents & grandparents

Diana Kooser in memory of loved ones

Sue Lahr in memory of Stan Lahr

This is the list that the church office received. We apologize if there were any names omitted.



Holy Doodles



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