

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter  
Tuesday, December 24, 2013 11:00 pm  
Candlelight Carol Service of Holy Communion



**PRELUDE:** *What Star Is This* ..... Althouse  
*Three French Carols* ..... Widmar  
*Carols of Celebration* ..... by Joseph Martin

**GATHERING/WELCOME**

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

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be...glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

## 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Assembly sits.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**SECOND LESSON:** Titus 2:11-14

## PROCESSIONAL

(Congregation turns to face procession and remains standing for Gospel & Gospel carol)

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing . . . . . All Stand & Sing*

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!"

***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.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 2:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL CAROL:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* . . . . . (Sing in Unison)

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** . . . . . Pastor Propst

**CAROL OF THE DAY:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* . . . . . Stand & Sing

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!

**THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER** (Please Kneel)

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* . . . . . See Below  
The Congregation is invited to stand at a designated point during the anthem.

Introduction

Choir: Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story; Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations, You have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Interlude:

Congregation and Choir

All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing  
God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,  
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,  
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**THE PREFACE** . . . . . “we praise your name and join their unending hymn:”

**THE SANCTUS** . . . . . Tune: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of hosts, by all adored:  
Heav’n and earth cannot contain  
All the glory of Your name!  
With the heav’nly host, we sing  
Highest praises to our King!



Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame  
Be to Him who, in God’s name,  
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be  
To the Lord eternally!

## 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.

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

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.

## COMMUNION

*A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### Music During Communion:

*O Holy Night* ..... Solo  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful* ..... Handbells  
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* ..... Handbells  
*In Judah's Land* ..... Chamber Choir  
*Carol of the Inn* ..... Church Choir

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 Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 and ushers, the light will be passed throughout the congregation. (*Remember: Do not tip over a lighted candle.*)

**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 Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**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 assembly will turn to face the recessional Cross, joining in the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus by George F. Handel:

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth.  
Hallelujah! The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom  
of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever.  
Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords, and  
He shall reign forever and ever.  
Hallelujah!

**THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
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!  
Repeat Refrain

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**ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

<b><u>PASTOR:</u></b> John Propst	<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b> Billy Joye, Jr. Sandra Cline
<b><u>ACOLYTES:</u></b> Claire Mitchell, Garrett Fox	
<b><u>CRUCIFERS:</u></b> Hannah Carnes, Noah Rogers	
<b><u>SOLOISTS:</u></b> Don Robinson, Jo Anne de la Vega, Leslie Crist	
<b><u>PERCUSSION:</u></b> Elizabeth Bruchon, Diann Halvorson	

**CHOIRS:** Holy Comforter Church Choir, Chamber Choir, Handbell Choir  
*HeartStrings Ensemble*

**ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER:** Greg Cline

**PRELUDE CONDUCTOR:** Steve Bingham

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)  
Fran Holland, Co-Captain  
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain  
Courtney Gatlin            Stephanie Hinson  
Tracey Nault

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Need Volunteers

**GREETER:** Pat Koehler

**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Dennis & Dee Tucker

**USHERS:** Denise Wiegand, Greg Garrison

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TONIGHT** are given by Julia Gunter to celebrate the birth of our Savior and in honor of our Choirmaster and all church choirs and musicians for their dedication to our music ministry.

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**Catherine Carr** represents all the children of Holy Comforter tonight as she places the *Baby Jesus* in the manger, marking the beginning of our celebration of the birth of our Lord.  
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**A Special *Thank You* to Everyone who made this a  
Wonderful Advent & Christmas Season!**  
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**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. **Worship is at 10:30 am; Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 am.** May God's grace cover you this Christmas season and into the New Year!

**NOTE:** Sunday, December 29, there will be **NO children's** Sunday School. **All classes resume January 5<sup>th</sup>.**



## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

### GLORY TO GOD:

The De Nicholas Family  
Dianne Lail  
Kurt & Cynthia Scholler (2 poinsettias)  
Bob & Denise Wiegand for their family

### IN HONOR OF:

Adult Sunday Class in honor of Greg Byrum  
Adult Sunday School Class in honor of John Kreitzer  
Bocchino Family in honor of their 3 children: Lucy, Alex & Henry  
Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin Byrum, Jr. (Libby)  
Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby and Faye & Warren Heller  
Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in honor of Mrs. Betty Kannapel  
Kathy Graves in honor of son, Blair Stroup  
Dean & Diann Halvorson in honor of Curt Halvorson & Helena Noel  
Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of Nathan  
Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of Madison  
Beverley & Charles Mauney in honor of Ginger, Chuck and Jake; Laurel, Jimmy & Katie  
Khloe Tench in honor of her mommy, Nana & Papaw  
Elizabeth, Sarah & Khloe June Tench in honor of Jack & Laura Tench and Bonnie Tench  
Bob & Denise Wiegand in honor of their new granddaughter Leigh-Ann  
Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of Noah Rawlins & Family  
Rebecca & Mark Yount in honor of Luke and Alec Via

### IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean  
Steve & Deborah Bingham in memory of John Bingham  
Bocchino Family in memory of Ruth Mencer  
Greg Byrum in memory of Olin Byrum Jr.  
Eric & Renee Carpenter in memory of Frank Carpenter  
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. William Kannapel,  
Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega and Rose Strait  
Monique Estelle in memory of Gisela Stone  
Dallas & Gayla Foscue in memory of Troy & Nannie Foscue  
Dallas & Gayla Foscue in memory of Cecil & Carolyn Bierley  
Kathy Graves in memory of husband, Bill Graves  
Marsha Kinley in memory of May Cloninger  
Marsha Kinley in memory of Thelma Kinley

Lynn Martin in memory of Adam Kijewski  
Charles & Beverley Mauney in memory of Heather, Betsy & Ray Mauney,  
and Sandy McCoy  
Virginia Neagle in memory of Mom & Dad and Carl Neagle  
Phil & Carol Posey in memory of William Posey  
Phil & Carol Posey in memory of Norris & Althea Pruitt  
Nancy Powell in memory of James & Margaret Sipe  
Beverly Reynolds in memory of Joe Reynolds  
Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver  
Lynne Sudarich in memory of her parents, Leonard & Marie Sudarich  
Jack, Laura, Elizabeth, Sarah & Khloe June Tench in memory of Howard Tench  
and Dorothy Thulin  
Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather M. Yount and  
John Yount

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



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