Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter Saturday, December 24, 2016 11:00 pm Candlelight Carol Service of Holy Communion

| PRELUDE: Ding Dong Merrily on High | Handbell Choir |
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| African Noel | Church Choir |
| O Holy Night | |
| All My Heart This Night Rejoices | |
| The assembly is invited to participate as indicated. | |

GATHERING/WELCOME

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

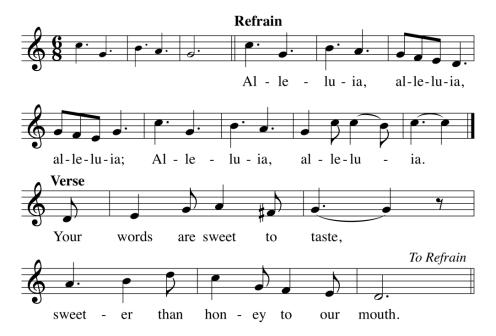
Assembly is seated.

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)



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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE GOSPEL CAROL: 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!"*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Micah

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)

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Joy to the World/Hallelujah Chorus Assembly stands and sings when the choir sings: "Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords."

King of Kings and Lord of Lords And He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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 The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

C Thanks be to God.

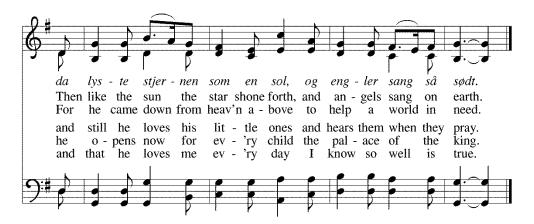
COMMUNION

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.

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

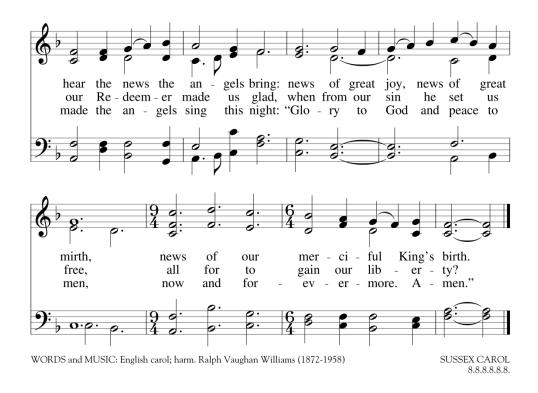




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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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

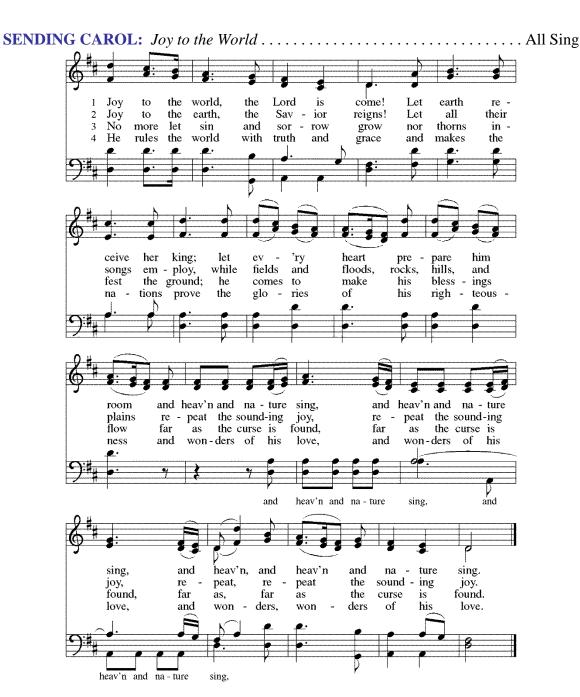
The pastor will light his candle from the large Christ Candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. With the assistance of the acolyte and ushers, the light will be passed throughout the congregation. (*Remember: Do not tip over a lighted candle.*)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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!

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)



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

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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:

PASTOR: Micah Kearney

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr.

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

GREETER: Pat Koehler

FLUTE: Julia Gunter

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon, Steve Bingham, Diann Halvorson

SOLOISTS: Greg Byrum, Don Robinson

CHOIRS: Holy Comforter Church Choir, Chamber Choir, Handbell Choir

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Greg Cline

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains
Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

USHERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

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

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

<u>Welcome Christmas friends!</u> Jesus is born this day. May He be born again in your hearts this night. We especially <u>welcome guests</u> 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.

Christmas Day Worship is at 10:30 am. There will be NO Sunday School. May God's grace cover you this Christmas season and into the New Year!

NOTE: All classes and music activities resume January 8th.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2016

GLORY TO GOD:

Pastor Micah & Jenn Kearney (2 poinsettias) Kurt & Cynthia Scholler (2 poinsettias)

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby
Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller
Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas in honor of Dianne Lail (Grandma)
Greg Garrison in honor of Ronnie & Barbara Garrison, parents
Charles & Beverley Mauney in honor of Al McCoy, Ginger & Chuck, Jimmy & Katie,
Laurel, and all grandchildren

IN MEMORY OF:

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. & Mrs. William L. Kannapel Greg Garrison in memory or Grandmother & Grandfather Blanche & James Garrison Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Herbert & Pauline Christenbury Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Robert & Mary Kelly, Ken Hedrick Dianne Lail in memory of A. O. Lail, father

Jill Leitner in memory of Hazel Turtts and Warren Bernhardt Charles & Beverley Mauney in memory of Heather,

Betsy & Ray Mauney, and Mary McCoy Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly

Paul, Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in memory of Melvin D. Costner & Bill Larsen

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Paul, Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in memory of Judy H. Summey Lynne Sudarich in memory of her parents Len & Marie Sudarich Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount

Robert L Nault & Isabel D. Nault

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





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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager

All My Heart This Night Rejoices



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