

CHRISTMAS EVE

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**The candles used in tonight's service are intended
for worshipers in 4th grade or older only.**

The Gift of Joy

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10

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 men 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 sins and sorrows 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 OPENING LITANY

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above,
C **Coming down from the Father of lights.**
P We gather to celebrate the good and perfect gift of joy.
C **God's Word does not return empty**
P But accomplishes what He desires
C **And achieves the purpose for which He sends it.**
P So that we go out in joy.
C **And are led forth in peace.**
P The mountains and hills burst into song.
C **And all the trees of the field clap their hands.**
P In the town of David a Savior is born.
C **He is Christ the Lord.**
P This is good news of great joy
C **For all the people!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

P On this Christmas Eve we light the Christ candle and call it Joy.
(The acolyte lights all of the candles.)
P Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
C **In his great mercy he has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil
or fade.**
P In this we greatly rejoice
C **And are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy.**
P In the town of David a Savior is born.

C **He is Christ the Lord.**
P This is good news of great joy
C **For all the people!**

Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing with all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing in heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Good and giving God, as much as we want Christmas to be the best of times,
sometimes it is the worst of times.
C **Some of us have spent too much money and we are worried sick about it.**
P Others of us are struggling with our health, or the health of a loved one.
C **Some are wrestling with old hurts that won't heal and new wounds that
won't go away.**
P Still others are missing loved ones this Christmas—
C **Either because of distance, death or because of cruel design.**
P Our hurts and lost hopes rob us of Christmas joy.
C **And we dwell in the darkness of sin and unbelief.**
P I bring you good news of great joy. Not for some of the people. Not for most of
the people. Not for a lot of the people. This is good news of great joy for all the
people. Joy and forgiveness are Christ's gifts to everyone! In the town of David a
Savior is born. He is Christ the Lord. This is good news of great joy.
C **For all the people!**

Now through his Son doth shine the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity.
Till he opened for us a bright eternity.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Isaiah 55:10-13

THE EPISTLE READING ... 1 Peter 1:3-9

THE SPECIAL MUSIC 5:00 only
"Shepherds, Come A-Running" ... Henry V. Gerike
Faith Choir

7:30 only
"The First Noel"
Joshua Ryckman, piano

THE GOSPEL READING ... Luke 2:1-20

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE SERMON

"Behold the Gift!"
St. Luke 2:10-11
Pastor Joshua Baumann

THE OFFERING

(Instrumental Selection while Offering is gathered)
Debra Matters, violin

THE SPECIAL MUSIC 5:00 only
"A Christmas Introit" (Hodie Christus Natus Est)...music by Snyder
Faith Choir

7:30 only

"Joy to the World"
Cassandra Ryckmann, piano
THE PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P O Christ, you came to bring good news
C **of great joy, which shall be to all people.**
(Please be seated)

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Candles are given only to older children and adults. Please supervise those who need help.

The Pastors will light their candles from the light of the Advent wreath. The acolytes will light their candles from the Pastor's candles and light the candles on the end of the pew. *Always hold the lit candle upright and tilt the unlit candle.* Carefully blow out the candles after the final verse of Silent Night.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

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!

(Instrumental Verse)
Debra Matters, violin

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
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Christmas Day Worship
With Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. only

New Year's Eve Worship
With Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Worship
With Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. only

Christmas Flowers Around the Altar

- John & Deborah Hepper – In memory of Tyler John Hepper.
- Pastor & Susan Urbach – To the Glory of God.
- Tim & Jan Larson – In thanksgiving for our grandchildren.
- Mike & Loretta Jochim, Bethany & Joel – In loving memory of Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, Darlene & Albert Adam.
- John & Carlene Barber – In memory of Judy Chambers.
- Jerry & Corinne Wulf – In thanksgiving for God's many blessings.
- Mary Hiller – In memory of Chet, Lisa, and mom & dad.
- Ken Cash, Denise, Cindy, Ken, & Mona – In memory of Joan Cash.
- Daris, Kelsey & Kaylee Kampfe – In memory of grandpa LeeRoy & son Noah.
- Margaret & Pastor Baumann, Eliza, John & Peter – In thanksgiving for military and those away from home at Christmas.
- Brad & Laurie Schultz – In memory of Adam.
- Steve & Vona Johnson – To the Glory of God.
- Dale & Mary Heidelberger – In thanksgiving for our family.
- Marrill & Sandy Bales – In memory of our parents.
- Ron & Doreen Kayser – In memory of Margaret Kayser.
- Lari & Linda Ott – In memory of Cliff & Mary Ott & LeeRoy Eisenbeisz.
- Julie & Bernie Linn & family – In memory of Elizabeth Jean Tapken.
- Brent & Shari Adney – In thanksgiving for Richard & Twyla Adney.
- Jerry & JoAnn Sanders – In thanksgiving for our family.
- Clareen, Terry & Karrie James – In thanksgiving for our family.
- Pat & Jill Burger – In memory of our parents.



- The Monfore family – In memory of Brooks Monfore.