

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer:

May this precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his loving grace, now and forever.

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. Amen

Lighting of the Candles & a Word of Instruction

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

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Christmas Blessing:

May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace, guide your days and years in righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen

(Candles may be extinguished at this time.)

Dismissal:

Go in peace to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome to Worship

at

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2021

Introduction:

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Luke tells us that God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. In the familiar account of Christ’s birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, “Glory to God in the highest.” Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ’s body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

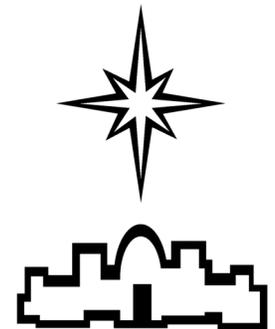
Silent Prayer & Lighting of the Candles

A Great Light

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

“Joy to the World”

LBW 39



Christmas Prayer:

Let us pray.

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. Amen

"What Child Is This"

LBW 40

Heavenly Announcement

Luke 2:8-12

"Away in a Manger"

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Christmas Message

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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Offering & Offering Prayer:

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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 the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, by the grace of God, the glory of the Lord has been revealed,

C And we, who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

C He then broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

Communion song:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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