

Service Booklet
for Christmas Eve



*The King
Has Come!*

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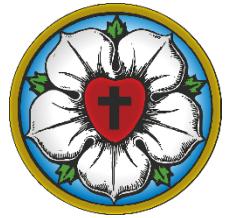
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is an independent, liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the Christian faith according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580 because we believe the confessions contained therein to be in accord with the teaching of Holy Scripture. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.



The order of service for this evening is printed in this service folder. You will only need your hymnal for the hymns.

Individual candles (both wax and battery-operated) are available in the back of the church. They will be lit as the last hymn, *Silent Night!*, is introduced. The ushers will walk down the center aisle to light the candle of the person nearest the aisle in each row. Please pass the flame to the candle of the person next to you. Those sitting near the candles in the window sills may light their candles from those flames instead. Those with battery-operated candles may turn them on at that time as well. Parents are asked to supervise their children's use of the candles carefully.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Wed., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Sun., Dec. 29 - Bible Class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM

The Order of Vespers for Christmas Eve

Opening Meditation

O Holy Night (cello duet with piano)

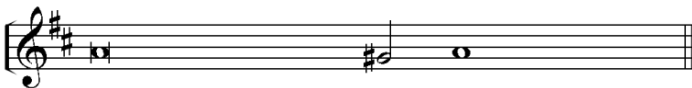
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

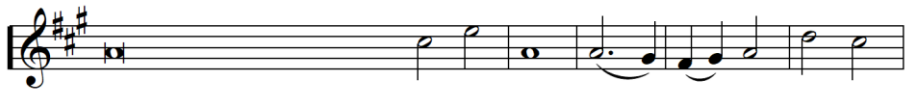


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

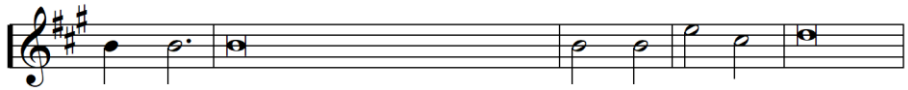
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly



Spir-it; as it was in the beginning, is now and ev - er shall be,



for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sit

Hymn

TLH #85 - From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (st. 1-6)

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn

TLH #94 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (st. 1-2)

Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn

What Child Is This (p. 6)

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn

TLH #77 - All My Heart This Night Rejoices (st. 1-6)

Sermon

Hymn

TLH #107 – We Christians May Rejoice Today

Stand

V Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense.



R and the lifting up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

The Canticle

Magnificat (tune of Cantate Domino)

All sing the Canticle together, after it is introduced.

Odd verses



Even verses



- 1 My soul magni- | fies the | Lord: *
And my spirit rejoices in | God my | Sav- - | ior;
2 For He has re- | gard- - | ed *
The lowly estate of | His hand- | maid- - | en.
- 3 For, behold, from | this time | forth *
All generations will | call me | bless- - | èd.
4 For He who is mighty has done to | me great | things, *
And | holy | is His | name.
- 5 And His mercy is on those who | fear — | Him *
From generation to | ge-ner- | a - | tion.
6 He has shown strength | with His | arm, *
He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of their | hearts.
- 7 He has put down the mighty | from their | seats; *
And exalted | those of | low de- | gree;
8 He has filled the hungry | with good | things, *
And the rich He has | sent a- | way emp- | ty.

9 He has come to the aid of His servant | Isra- | el *

In remembrance | of His | mer- - | cy,

10 As He spoke to our fathers, to | Ab-ra- | ham, *

And to his | seed for- | ev- - | er.

11 Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son*

And to the | Ho-ly | Spir- - | it;

12 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall | be, *

for- | ev-er- | more. A- | men.

The Prayers



Lord, have mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken by all)*

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.

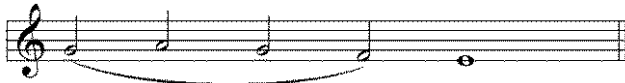
P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

The Collects

After each collect, the Congregation sings:



R A - men.

V Let us bless the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.

☑ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Hymn

TLH #646 - *Silent Night! Holy Night!* (words also printed below)

Remain standing for Silent Night. An introduction will be played while individual candles are being lit by the ushers in the center aisle. Please pass the flame to the candle of the person next to you. Those with battery-operated candles may turn them on at this time as well. The congregation then joins in singing the hymn.

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

**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,
Heavenly 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 Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

What Child Is This



1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peas - ant, king to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing, Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ, the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross He'll bear for me, for you;
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!

***All are invited to join us tomorrow for our Christmas
Day Divine Service at 10:15 AM.***

A blessed and merry Christmas to you all!