



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2019

7:00 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. ●

(Please ask an usher)

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2019

7:00 PM

PRELUDE

*Angels We Have Heard on High
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
What Child Is This*

Wayne L. Wold
Kenneth Mansfield
Richard Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Of the Father's Love Begotten
Choir*

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

C we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen**

P Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

C Amen

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together ...

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

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7 (A Light Shines: A Child is Born)

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

THIRD READING: Titus 2:11-14 (The Grace of God Has Appeared)

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 2.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:1-20 (Emmanuel—God With Us)

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in a manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

What Child Is This

ELW #296

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As heaven and earth rejoice, let us pray for the needs of the church and all the world.

Response: ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace

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.

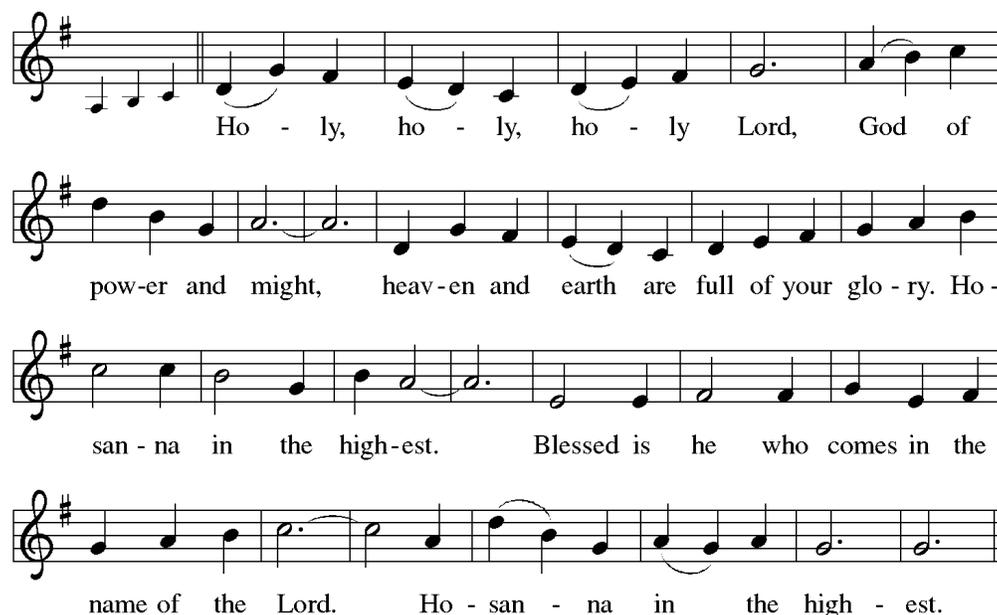
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

HYMN

Welcome the Babe
Choir

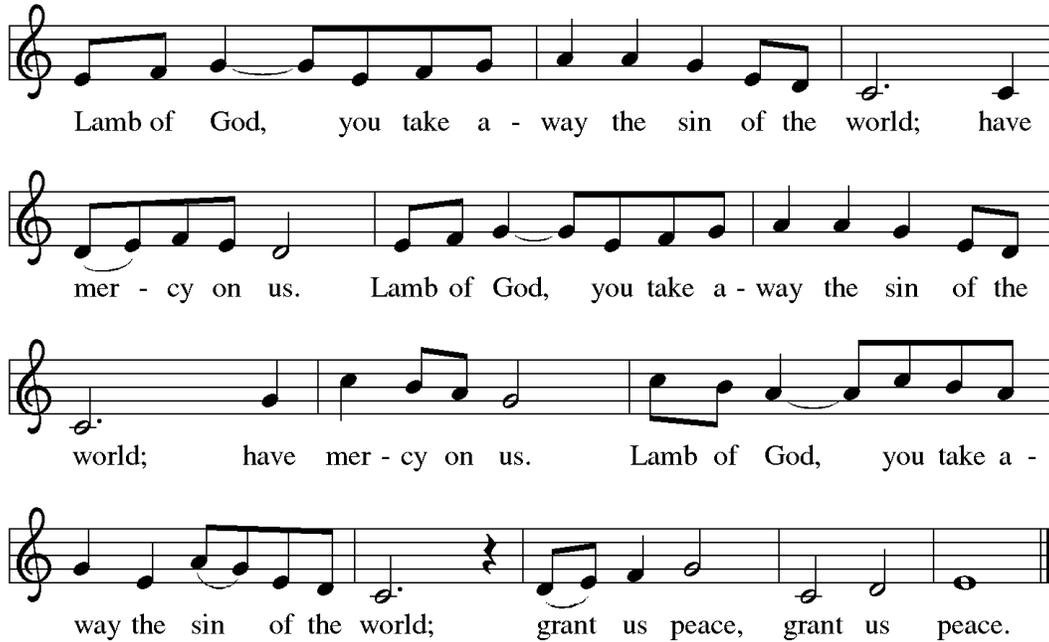
Natalie Sleeth

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Love has come: God's love for all people.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

*We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. **All are welcome.** White grape juice is available in the second cup for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>Away in a Manger</i>	ELW #277
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ELW #279
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	ELW #282

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Emmanuel, God with us,
you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all.

C Amen

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION (please be seated)

OUR RESPONSE: *We respond to God's gifts with gratitude. Collection of financial commitments and praise cards.*

- **OFFERTORY** *Shepherds Awake* Michael Jothan
Choir

● **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A Generous God,
you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth
that become the meal of your grace.
Move in our hearts,
that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Silent Night

ELW #281

Candles are lit as the organ begins to play. When all candles are lit, we will begin to sing.

PRAYER

P (Let us pray.) Lord Jesus, let your light so shine in us that all may see your good works in us
and glorify our Father in heaven.

C Glory to God. Amen

BLESSING

P Grace from God's own heart,
peace from the ✝ Child in the manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life
be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen

Candles are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

DISMISSAL

P Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Adeste Fideles"

David Hegarty

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Mike Epting
Acolyte Rebeca Owen
Ministers of the Word Marilyn Rowland, Suzanne Wilke
Cantor Paula Barton
Communion Assistant Marilyn Rowland
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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Tue. 12/24	8—11:30 am
Wed. 12/25	CLOSED
Thur. 12/26	CLOSED
Fri. 12/27	CLOSED
Tue. 12/31	8—11:30 am
Wed. 1/1/2020	CLOSED

A Special Dedication:

Poinsettia in honor of Charles and Ingrid Niemann's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Given by their children, spouses, and grandchildren.

Poinsettias are given, to the glory of God by:

Pastor Lyn, in memory of Bob Crase

Yvonne Troedson & Bill Beasley, in memory of family and in praises to God

RG & Zac Crawford, in memory of their grandparents Val & Esther Johnson, Richard & Cathy Crawford and Uncle Bobby Horton

David & Kristine Kraft, in memory of Gerald & Dorothy & Gerry Klee, Eugene & Kurt Kraft

Rue Knoll, in memory of Gary Knoll & Tana Knoll

Joyce Bachmann: Thanks to everyone for their friendship

Linda & James Nelson, in memory of their parents: Joyce & Bert, Art & Leila

The Holtz family, in memory of Margaret

Suzanne Wilke, in memory of parents George & Dorothy Anderson; brother & sister-in-law: David & Jodie Anderson

Jack & Pat Smith, in memory of their parents and relatives

Mary Lou Dieterich, in memory of all family who have passed

Elaine D. Ixcot, in memory of her daughter Kim & sons Jim & Greg

Dick & Pat Norquist, in memory of Margaret & Tenney Norquist; Glen, Ethel & Bob Bradshaw

Marsha Waggoner, in memory of Carl, Phil & Norty Benner, Charlie Wilson; in honor of her children and grandchildren

Jim & Paula Barton, in memory of Beth Langhoff & Hugh Barton; in honor of the newborn Christ Child

Mike & Rose Epting, in memory of Grace & Vivian Epting and Bette & Dick Fassett

Alice Hoaglund, in honor of the marriage of Jeff & Jessie Norris (her greendaughter)



Poinsettias are also given, to the glory of God by:

Lisa Poston, in memory of her sister-in-law Ingrid Bergström

Connie Petersen, in memory of and in honor of family

Mike & Jeanine Clarke, in honor of Father William Treacy's one hundred & first Christmas

Robert & Andrea Olson, in memory of George & Eva Olson and Frank & Eileen Heath

Sue Allen, in memory of CV (Van) Allen and Charlie Allen

Lois Page, in memory of Glenn Page

Cindy (Eden) & Steve Harding, in memory of Cindy's parents Al & Vera Eden

Jennie, in memory of Salvador Garcia; in honor of Brianna & Makayla





Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.

