

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 24, 2018

3:30pm & 5:00pm

Please stand if able

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #283 "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" (Vs. 1, 2)

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes.
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

CHRISTMAS DIALOG (P=Pastor, C=Congregation)

P In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, -- and the darkness did not overcome it.**

P Those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

C **We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son, Full of grace and truth.**

P For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C **What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P Christ is born; salvation has appeared.

C **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest:

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: Refrain

PRAYER (Congregation will join in)

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.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-2, 4-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you

of them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13

¹O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹²let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

(Please stand for the Gospel)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord

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!”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN #279 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* **(Vs. 1, 2, & 4)**

1. Oh, little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shine in everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.
4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

SERMON

THE OFFERING

HYMN #282 *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* **(Vs. 1, 2, & 4)**

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence)

P For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

P For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

P For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

P Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the World, we commend all for whom we pray.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastor: "Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...and nations shall come to your Light. Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.' "You are the light of the world...let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

(Pastor then gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes it on. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always held upright when giving light to another. Please extinguish your candle when you see the Pastor extinguish his.)

HYMN #281

"Silent Night"

(Vs. 1, 2, 3)

Celebrating 200th anniversary of its composition

BLESSING

P The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia. **Amen.**

HYMN #290 **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"** **(Vs. 1&3)**

CHORUS: Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watch O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shown a holy light. (CHORUS)

3. Down the lonely manger The humble Christ was born
And God sent salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (CHORUS)

CHURCH BELL

POSTLUDE

*It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

SERVING THIS NIGHT

Greeters: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Ushers: 3:30pm–Skip & Lynn Hansen 5:00pm–Lee & Barb Forrester

Music: Digital Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service at 10:00am. All are welcome to enjoy a Christmas meal together immediately following Sunday's worship.

Only One Worship Service on Sundays in January, February & March, 2019.

VBS - When you see your families this Holiday Season please remind them that Vacation Bible School June 17-21, 2019. Sixth graders and older are welcome as student leaders.

On Line view the bulletin and other events happening at Bethesda by going to our website: www.blcmalmo.org Also, like us on Facebook.

Picture Directories are here! If you had your picture taken please pick up your complementary directory in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't have your picture taken, updated smaller directories are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE ON THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE.
GO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS — CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!!**

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