

Traditional Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY
DEC. 24, 2025

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
OF CHRISTMAS

7:30 PM

LITURGY WITH
HOLY EUCHARIST

8:00 PM

The Rev. Katy Moran, Presiding
The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter, Preaching

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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We invite you to join us throughout the year. We gather each Sunday for worship services at 9:30 am. We also offer a live and recorded worship services on our church website. We hope that you will experience the joy and peace that Jesus Christ can bring into your life! If you are interested in learning more about membership in our congregation please speak with the Pastor Katy or call the Church Office. Please sign your name and address in our worship attendance folder in order to be placed on our mailing list. Any special requests (prayers, visits, etc.) may be written on the back of these sheets. Members are encouraged to record your name on the attendance sheets each week. A wooden offering box for contributions is located in the center aisle at the rear of the Sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes can be found in the back of the attendance folder.

If you are new to Lutheran worship, most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the back section of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* hymnal in the pews.

Introduction to our worship today:

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Candlelight Holy Eucharist Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Pre-Service Music by Candlelight at 7:30 PM

ANTHEM

Unto Us A Child Is Born - Jean F. Dandrieu
Joanne Vasey, organ

CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - ELW # 282

ANTHEM

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
Appalachian carol; Arr. Cathy Moklebust
Parish Peal Handbell Choir

CAROL

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve - ELW # 271

ANTHEM

One Bright Star
Words: Mary Kay Beall Music: Lloyd Larson
Joseph Martin & Heather Miller, vocalists Joanne Vasey, piano

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem - ELW # 279

ANTHEM

Child in a Manger
Words: Sally DeFord Music: Katherine Wright
Patti Faux, vocals and piano Laura Faux, flute

ANTHEM

O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam
Brandy Aguirre, vocals and violin

ANTHEM

Sing Gloria, Hodie!
Words and Music: David N. Davenport Arr. Douglass E. Wagner
Parish Choir Tim Vasey, handbells Joanne Vasey, piano

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025
Candlelight Holy Eucharist Worship Service 8:00 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
UN FLAMBEAU 17th century French Carol; Arr. Cathy Moklebust
Parish Peal Handbell Choir with wind chime

*** GATHERING HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful – ELW # 283

*** GREETING**

P Today Christ is born: Alleluia, Alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Angels We have Heard on High –ELW # 289

*** SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

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.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stanza 1: Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth:
Once You sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King

Stanza 4: All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Refrain

* THE GOSPEL FOR CHRISTMAS: Luke 2:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter:
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In 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 the 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 our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - ELW # 270**** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P Gathering God, you bring your people from every corner of the earth together before the manger that you have made a throne. Unite the church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, you brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields, and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Transforming God, the world trembles amid violence and war. Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Shepherding God, you lead us to your love in the face of our neighbor. Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another, especially those who are sick or struggling especially for those we name aloud and in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Nurturing God, you dwell with us in humble places. Sustain housing and clothing ministries in this community, that all find shelter and warmth. We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Abiding God, you remain at the side of all the departed. Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Lo, How A Rose
Michael Praetorius; Arr. Roger C. Wilson
Joanne Vasey, organ

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**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet, what I can I give him—give my heart.**

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

*** 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.**

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 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:

* SANCTUS

Lyrics: Brian D Vasey
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

**Holy, holy, holy Lord!
God of power and might adored!
Heaven and earth reflect your bliss
For your Word is in our midst.
Blessed be the One who comes,
in God's name, Hosanna.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

C Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

The Saint James Christmas Service

**O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary.
This, this is your body giv/n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christmas Communion Song

Words: John A. Ray Music: Susan Naylor Callaway
Parish Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION CAROLS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - ELW # 276
Away in a Manger - ELW # 277
Go Tell It on the Mountain ELW # 290

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C Amen.

* CANDLE LIGHTING

(Please tilt unlit candles momentarily to receive the light)

P Arise and shine, you people of God, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold darkness shall cover the earth and a thick darkness the people; but the Lord will rise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come unto your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

* CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night - ELW # 281

* CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

P The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ☧ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C **Amen.**

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World! - ELW # 267

* DISMISSAL

P Glory to God in the highest!

C **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Postlude on Antioch (Joy to the World)

Tune: ANTIOCH by G. F. Handel; Arr. Franklin Ritter

Joanne Vasey, organ

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Merry Christmas!

The Staff of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church wishes for all our siblings in Christ a very special Christmas filled with every joy and happiness. May you and your family experience solid yet childlike faith, celebrating the true reason for the season with the unshakable security and the unquenchable joy that comes from knowing that our Savior came to earth because he loves us, to rescue us and to bring us into his Kingdom.

And may our Lord Jesus bless you and yours in 2026 with good health and radiant hope, joy, peace and prosperity as we all continue walking day by day together with him.

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