

Christmas Eve 2024
Bethel Lutheran Church
7:00 & 11:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night” Bob Bliss & Betty Falk (7 & 11 P.M.)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW, #283

REFRAIN:

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

1. O 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

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

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

Refrain

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

(7 & 11 P.M.)

CHOIR

“Still, Still, Still with Child in the Manger” Kathy Harrison, dir.(7:00)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON..... ISAIAH 9:2–7

THE SECOND LESSON TITUS 2:11–14

Before the reading of the gospel

C: Glory to you, O LORD

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 2:1–20

After the reading of the gospel

P: The Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O CHRIST.

HYMN: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (vs. 1–4) ELW, #295

1. Of the Father’s love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world’s redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.
3. This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.
4. Let the heights of heav’n adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow’rs, dominions, bow before him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev’ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Barbara Lemke

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: (repeat at end of each verse)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of The Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was bur-
ied.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Away in a Manger”

Kiera Davison (7 P.M.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Heidi Davison (11 P.M.)

SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“The First Noel” (vs. 1–4)

ELW, #300

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
In fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so
deep.
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Refrain

REFRAIN:

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.**

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far:
to seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain
4. This star drew near to the northwest,
o’er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

ELW, #282

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on earth, good will to all,
from heavens all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
3. And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! The days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
shall come time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

POST COMMUNION TABLE BLESSING

CANDLELIGHTING

SONG:

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

ELW, #281

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,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW, #267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Cindy Josephson

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WORSHIP TEAMS THIS EVENING:

PRESIDER..... Reverend Barbara Lemke

ACCOMPANIST Cindy Josephson

CHOIR DIRECTOR Kathy Harrison

7:00

11:00

READER..... Robert Delapp Laina Kelley-Walker

HYMNIST Kathy Harrison Heidi Davison

USHERS Marv & Ev Kelley _

FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM..... Ron Freund..... Mary Katherine Smith

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