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**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
Tuesday December 24, 2024 7:00 p.m. LSB (maroon) HYMNAL  
**“A SERVICE of EIGHT LESSONS and CAROLS “**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Norman, OK. (LCMS)**  
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**PRE-SERVICE CAROL SINGING 6:55 p.m.**  
**“Go Tell It on the Mountain” LSB 388 \* = all stand**

**388 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

ref Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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**PRELUDE- BELL CHOIR** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” by Cathy Moglebust

**OPENING CHANT** “Of the Father's Love Begotten” LSB 384 vv. 1,5 - Pastor

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.

△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376**

**“Once in Royal David's City” (Choir vv. 1,2; Cong. vv. 3-5)**

- 1 Once in royal David's city  
    Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
    In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven,  
    Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
    And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern,  
    Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
    Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness,  
And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
    Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
    Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable  
    With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
    Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned,  
All in white, His praise will sound!

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**\*TRINITARIAN INVOCATION** – Pastor      Congregation: Amen.

P  
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C  
Amen.

**\* PSALM 110:1-4 and “Glory be...”**

- (1) The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- (2) The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- (3) Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
- (4) The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*(Front of Hymnal - chanted responsively by whole verses)*

**CHOIR**      *“Chorales for Christmas, I. The Savior Comes”* by Timothy Schmidt/J. S. Bach

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## EIGHT LESSONS AND CAROLS

### I.) SCRIPTURE      “The First Christmas Promise”      Genesis 3:1-15

(Genesis 3:1-15) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" (2) And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, (3) but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" (4) But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. (5) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (6) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (7) Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (8) And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (9) But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" (10) And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." (11) He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" (12) The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." (13) Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (14) The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. (15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

### HYMN 379

### “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

- 1    O come, all ye faithful,  
     Joyful and triumphant!  
     O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
     Come and behold Him  
     Born the king of angels: Refrain
- ref   O come, let us adore Him,  
     O come, let us adore Him,  
     O come, let us adore Him,  
     Christ the Lord!
- 2    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 giv'n!  
     Word of the Father  
     Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

## II.) SCRIPTURE “The Virgin Will Conceive-Immanuel” Isaiah 7:10-17

(Isaiah 7:10-17) Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, (11) "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." (12) But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." (13) And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? (14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (15) He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. (16) For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. (17) The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah--the king of Assyria."

### **HYMN 368**                   **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

- 1   Angels we have heard on high,  
      Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
      Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain
  
- ref   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? Refrain
  
- 3   Come to Bethlehem and see  
      Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
      Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

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## III.) SCRIPTURE                   **“Bethlehem - City of David”**                   **Micah 5:2-5a**

(Micah 5:2-5) But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (3) Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. (4) And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. (5) And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

### **HYMN 361**                   **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

- 1   O 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 shineth  
      The 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 wond'ring love.  
 O morning stars, together  
 Proclaim the holy birth,  
 And praises sing to God the king  
 And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently  
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
 So God imparts to human hearts  
 The blessings of His heav'n.  
 No ear may hear His coming;  
 But in this world of sin,  
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 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;  
 O come to us, abide with us,  
 Our Lord Immanuel!

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**IV.) SCRIPTURE                      “The Prince of Peace”                      Isaiah 9:1-7**

(Isaiah 9:1-7) But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. (2) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (3) You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. (4) For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. (5) For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. (6) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**CHOIR**                      “*II. A Son Is Given*” by Timothy Schmidt/J. S. Bach

**V.) SCRIPTURE                      “A Baby in a Manger”                      Luke 2:1-7**

(Luke 2:1-7) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. (2) This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. (3) And all went to be registered, each to his own town. (4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, (5) to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. (6) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. (7) And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**HYMN 364****“Away in a Manger”**

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

**VI.) SCRIPTURE “Shepherds and Angels” Luke 2:8-14**

(Luke 2:8-14) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. (10) And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (12) And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." (13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, (14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

**HYMN 380****“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain
- ref Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”
- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the\_incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain
- 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

## VII.) SCRIPTURE “Mary, Joseph, The Baby, Shepherds” Luke 2:15-20

(Luke 2:15-20) When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." (16) And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. (17) And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. (18) And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. (19) But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. (20) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### CHOIR

“III. Exultation” by Timothy Schmidt/J. S. Bach

## VIII.) SCRIPTURE “Jesus is the Son of God” 1 John 4:7-16

(1 John 4:7-16) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (8) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (9) In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (10) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (12) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (16) So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

### HYMN 387

“Joy to the World”

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men 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 sins and sorrows 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.



\* **APOSTLES CREED**

*(spoken in unison – found inside back cover of Hymnal)*

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

And 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 hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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**OFFERINGS** *(Ritual of Friendship - Fill out the sheet, tear off, hand the  
pad down the pew and place sheet in baskets in narthex as you leave)*

**VOLUNTARY** “Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming” by Albert Thate

\* **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER** *(spoken in unison – found inside back cover of Hymnal)*

**L** **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.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### HYMN 370

### “What Child is This”

(as we sing, the candles are lit and will remain lit,  
for the remainder of the service)

- 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!

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

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

C

Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 363**            **“Silent Night”**  
(you may extinguish your candles after the Hymn)

- 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, 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.

**POSTLUDE**                                    *“Silent Night”* by Timothy Schmidt

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\* \* \* **CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SERVICE SCHEDULE** \* \* \*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service**  
Tonight - Tuesday Dec. 24 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day - Carols and Holy Communion Service:**  
Wednesday December 25 10:00 a.m.

**1st Sunday after Christmas - Dec. 29th**  
at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve - Circumcision and Name of Our Lord**  
**Holy Communion Service:**  
Tuesday December 31 7:00 p.m.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**Holy Communion Services:**  
Sunday January 5 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**The Baptism of Our Lord Communion Services:**  
Sunday January 12 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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**OFFICIANTS:**  
Pastor David Nehrenz, Vicar Tanner Sawall  
Organist, Choir and Bell Choir Director – Timothy Schmidt  
Elders: Darin Davis, Kurt Schweiger, Derek Hartman, Nathan Lee,  
Nils Gransberg, Dan Schemm, Brian Lundmark, Clark Everett

**ACOLYTE, CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR – THANK YOU!**