

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th, 2024
4pm



WELCOME!

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Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Jackie Oakes

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

The Promise of Arrival

Reader: Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Advent Song

“The First Noel”
#300 Red Hymnal V.1

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Whose steadfast love is everlasting.

All: Amen

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God-with-us...

All: We confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones,
Holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn "The Living Light" with O Little Town of Bethlehem
Praise Singers

All: 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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Special Music

Reading

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

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

Reading con't.

When 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.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon

Pastor Casey

Hymn of the Day

“Glory to the Newborn King”

Praise Singers
and Congregational

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

On Cue: 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 angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Angels We Have Heard on High

On Cue: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains

Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo!

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In excelsis Deo!

O, Come All Ye Faithful

On Cue: 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
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to 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

Preparation for Prayer “Christ the King”

Praise Singers

Prayers of the People

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Brief silence...

Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

The seas roar, and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence, and a renewed care for all that fills the fields, skies, and seas. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

A child is born for us and light shines on the weary. Watch over those who give birth this night and attend to those who are dying. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace.

Receive our prayer

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace



Offering

**Selection From Handel's Messiah
"Comfort Ye My People"**

Alex Gmeinder

Offering Prayer

“Joy to the World” #267 Red Hymnal V 1

Lord’s Prayer

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Communion



All Are Welcome to the Table

“O Holy Night”

Alex Gmeinder

Benediction

Pastor: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, Bless and keep you now and forever.

All: Amen

Closing

“Silent Night”

#281 Red Hymnal

V1 - German/V1,2,3, English

Light candles during German verse

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Jackie Oakes



Happenings at Our Saviors!

2025

January 12 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Play
January 26 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Storytelling
February 2 – Congregational Meeting/Timeline of Events
February 9 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Failure
February 23– Building Blocks Redevelopment – Hospitality
March 3– Congregational Meeting– Budget

Dates are subject to change

Reader * Communion
Usher * Greeter



Anyone interested in helping or willing to learn more about what's involved should see me or contact me
via email (c.emmel@hotmail.com)
or via phone (414-573-6088).

Serving in Worship next week, 12/29

Usher:

Greeter: Diana DuFresne

Communion Assistant: No Communion

Reader: Tom Carroll

Building Blocks of Redevelopment

**Workshop #1
Play**

Sunday January 12th 10am
Fellowship Hall



**Building Blocks of Redevelopment
Workshop #2
Storytelling**

Sunday January 26th,
10am Fellowship Hall



Building Blocks of Redevelopment

**Workshop #3
Failure**

Sunday, February 9th
10am, Fellowship Hall



**Building Blocks
of Redevelopment**

**Workshop #4
Hospitality**

Sunday February 23rd
10am Fellowship Hall





Name	In Honor Of:	In Memory Of:
John & Susan Weiss	Our Children & Grandchildren	Our Parents
Jim & Karen Tremaine		Our Parents
Dean Littlejohn		Mary
Christa & Tony Mollgaard		Our Parents
Jeff, Holly, & Emma Hand	Family	
Bonnie & Fred Mancusi	Family	
Scott & Lisa Dettmann	Our Children	
Lisa Dettmann		Jay Young, my cousin
Alan Kempainen		Alvin & Betty Kempainen
Ron Schell		Maxine & Mother Freida
Carol Emmel & Karl Scheibengraber	Our Children	Our Parents
Krista Kile		Otho & Winnie Kile
Lesch Family	Our Families & Friends	Susie
Scott & Megan Anderson		
Pat Schiek		Dennis Schiek
Tom & Mary Kay Carroll		Ed & Helen Mueksch
Tom & Mary Kay Carroll		Frank & Lillian Carroll

Please feel free to take your Poinsettia home after the Christmas Service 9pm service if you wish

Merry
Christmas

