

In honor of my children, Mitchell Ditlefsen and Carissa Ditlefsen

Sue Bork

In memory of Harold Moll, Burnell Holman, Joanne Green, Bev

Green, Luke Murphy, and Kyle Forsythe, and in honor of

Lauren Moll and Jake Grube's marriage Bruce and Jo Moll family

In memory of our siblings Von, Bob, Jerry, Arnie, and Kathy

Jim and Karen Riley

In memory of our beloved granddaughter, Eva

Barbara Schrank

In memory of loved ones Ann, Marilyn, Beulah, and Bonnie

Heath, Kelly, and Taylor Browning

In memory of Jack and Mary Lou Peterson, Art and Vi Christensen,

and Roger Peterson

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Nativity of Our Lord December 24, 2024 - 4:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Hammond, Wisconsin

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night"

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

GATHERING CAROL ELW #283 "O 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: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O 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! **To Refrain**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: **To 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: **To Refrain**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH/CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, we praise you as we light the candles of this wreath. It gives light to this place as you shine light into darkness through Jesus, the light of the world. God of all, we thank you for your gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, but most especially, for the gift of Jesus, your Son. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

BIBLE READING Isaiah 9: 2-7

ADVENT HYMN ELW #256-vs.1,3 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE READING Titus 2:11-14

CAROL ELW #242 - vs. 1, 3 "Awake! Awake, & Greet the New Morn"

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

In darkest night his coming shall be when all the world is despairing
as morning light so quiet and free so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

SERMON "God, Closer Than We Imagined" Pastor Julie Brenden

Christmas Flowers 2024

In honor of family	Brian and Joan Ramberg
In honor of family	Dan and Sally Doornink
In honor of Beckett and Parker	Jessica Millar
In memory of Alvin, in honor of my family	Betty Johnson
In celebration of family and Christmas	Steve and Jean Peterson
In celebration of Christmas	Carrie Vick
In memory of Gene	Audrey Aune
In celebration of family	Ron and Glenda Pratt
In celebration of Christmas	Jerry and Sharon Afdahl
In loving memory of Samantha	Todd and Pat Criego
In memory of Ron Haukom and Ruth Ellingson	The Kost family
In memory of Don Johnson, John and Shirley Nusbaum, and Tom Nusbaum	Kathy Nusbaum
In memory of Orlene and Roland Hough and Tami Fletcher	Jodi Hough
In memory of the Trinity charter members who are no longer with us	Arnold and Bev Jacobson
In memory of our precious Emmalee and our parents and In honor of family and friends	Lee and Betty Jacobson
In honor of grandchildren Aiden, Mason, Hazel, Riley and Ross	Rick and Rose Kuebker
In celebration of Advent, and in loving memory of Susan's blue-eyed mother, Mary Monson	Daryl and Susan Frank
In memory of Minnie, Victor, and Gary Schmidt, Dee Galas, and Carissa Coleman	Susan and Kirk Hodnefield

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.

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.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Julie A. Brenden

Accompanist: Sarah Soderberg Vocalist: Emma Soderberg

Advent/Christ Candle Lighting: Derek, Finley, and Rhett Palmer

Acolyte: Beckett Millar Lector: Lane Gillis

Greeters: The Nusbaum family

Ushers: Lee and Betty Jacobson, Daryl and Sue Frank

Communionh: Dar Sittlow Sound/video: Ron Pratt

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CAROL OF THE DAY ELW #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! **To Refrain**

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 we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. **Refrain**

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 buried. 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, who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped 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 INTERCESSION

Response after each - Pastor: God of grace All: **Receive our prayer.**

OFFERING AND CAROL ELW #289 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

COMMUNION, DISTRIBUTION CAROL #277 “Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

SOLO

“What Child is This”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

VERSES ON LIGHT (Hand-held candles are lit during the verses.)

CAROL ELW #281 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

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.

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!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

SILENT PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING CAROL ELW #267 “Joy to the World”

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.