

Offertory

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Offertory Hymn: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276

- 1) Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2) Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Offertory Prayer:

God with us: You came as a baby to a manger.
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

**All: Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.
And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the
strength of your holy name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God among us . . . **Hear our prayer.**



Sharing the Light

During the Gospel reading, light will be taken from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from this candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another. Please take time in your own home to light your candles. Parents, please supervise small children closely.

The Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1-5

As we light our candles from the Christ candle tonight,
we illuminate new possibilities.

**All: May the light that pierces the darkness shine brightly in our hearts
and in our world.**

Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night!” (see insert)

#281

Blessing & Dismissal (*Candles are extinguished*)

Sending Hymn: “Joy to the World!” (see insert)

#267, vs. 1, 2 & 4

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH *Lutherans and Anglicans Worshiping Together*

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022, 8 PM
A CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



*Glory to God
in the highest!*

LUKE 2:14

For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

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Welcome

Entrance Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283

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| 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! 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 | |

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candle Lighting Hymn: "He Came Down" #253

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| 1) He came down that we may have
love; (<i>repeat 2x more</i>)
hallelujah forevermore. | 2) He came down that we may have
light; (<i>repeat 2x more</i>)
hallelujah forevermore. |
| 3) He came down that we may have
peace; (<i>repeat 2x more</i>)
hallelujah forevermore. | 4) He came down that we may have
joy; (<i>repeat 2x more</i>)
hallelujah forevermore. |

Gathering Prayer:

O Holy God, we need this story . . . So today we pray:

All: Create space in us to truly listen. Quiet our minds. Open our hearts.

Kindle the fire. AMEN

Choir Anthem: Night Long Awaited by Ariel Ramirez

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #282, vs. 1 & 4

- 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 the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

- 4) For lo! the days are hast'ning on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the 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.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #279, vs. 1 & 2

- 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!

Gospel (continued): Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #289

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| 1) Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains. | Refrain:
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o;
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o. |
| 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 |

Meditation

Hymn: "Love Has Come" #292

- 1) Love has come--a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2) Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3) Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

A CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT SERVICE

8 PM, December 24, 2022



Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

- 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!
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- 3) 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.

#281

Sending Hymn: "Joy to the World!"

#267, vs. 1, 2 & 4

- 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 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.
- 4) He rules the earth 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.

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