

ELH Hymn 140 "Silent Night"

1. Si-lent night! Ho-ly night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Vir-gin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace-
Sleep- in Heavenly peace.

2. *Si-lent night! Ho-ly 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. Si-lent night! Ho-ly night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams- from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeem-ing grace,
Jesus, LORD, at Thy birth-
Je-sus, LORD, at Thy birth.

4. *Si-lent night! Ho-ly night!*
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the ang-els let- us sing,
Allelu-ia to- our King;
Christ the Savior is born-.
Christ- the Savior is born.

The Nativity of Our LORD ☸☸☸ Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th 2025 5 PM Our Savior, GP



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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME! Here at Our Savior we preach and teach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for all our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest book on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again and to make Our Savior Lutheran your church home. ~Rev. Burmeister

THE ADVENT WREATH

The **Advent wreath** is a contribution of the German and Scandinavian traditions. It developed out of the simple use of an evergreen spray of fir, spruce, balsam or pine placed near the hearth. The wreath is plain, without any ornamentation of ribbon or bow. The evergreen of the wreath represents the life that is found in Christ. The greens have come from the out-of-doors where nature has begun its winter sleep. Midst the drabness of nature the evergreen branch symbolizes the continuation of life. In the home it is placed on a central table. In the church it is usually suspended above the altar or set on a pedestal resting on the floor.

The **Advent candles** are arranged with the spray. Candles have been used for centuries as the symbol of light. Well, candles *are* light. The light reminds us of Christ, the Light of the world, so the Christian church has given the candle a prominent place in the observance of Advent.

It is the living light, the living flame that gives the candle its meaning, for the Gospel Light of Christ is itself a living power. This is what makes it more symbolic than artificial lights.

Jesus is the Light that broke forth on the world on that first Christmas when He was born as Prince of Peace. He is the light that gradually penetrated into all the world. The traditional act of lighting one more candle each week of Advent tells of the increasingly brighter light of His Coming, and leads gradually to the blaze of light at the dawning of Christmas.

A listing of prophecies to be read during the 4 Sundays of Advent:

1st Sunday in Advent - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Isaiah 9:1-2

Christ the Branch of Righteousness is promised.

The Prophecy Candle honors those who spoke His promises.

2nd Sunday in Advent - Micah 4:1-7, 5:2

Christ will establish His Kingdom of Grace.

The Bethlehem Candle symbolizes the preparations made for Him.

3rd Sunday in Advent - Malachi 3:1-6; Luke 2:20

Christ shall purify His people.

The Shepherds' Candle honors the first to spread the Good News.

4th Sunday in Advent - Isaiah 40:1-8; Luke 2:13-14

Christ shall comfort His people.

The Angels' Candle celebrates the joy of God's grace to mankind.

A LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"The great joy of Christmas is multiplied when we realize our Savior, at His Birth, has already been humbling Himself for nine months because of His unparalleled love for all humanity from the moment of His Conception."

~Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director Lutherans For Life

Celebrate the Season Joyously!

Step out of the hectic rush and reflect upon our everlasting Hope because Our Savior is born to you!

Christmas Eve Family Service

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Grants Pass

Christmas Day Festival Service

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Medford

Christmas-1 Sunday Service

Sunday, December 28, 9:00 a.m. Grants Pass

Sunday, December 28, 11:30 a.m. Medford

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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

- 1. As Each Happy Christmas Dawns on earth again,
Comes the Holy Christ Child To the hearts of men.**
- 2. Enters with His blessing Into ev'ry home,
Guides and guards our footsteps As we go and come.**
- 3. All unknown, beside me He will ever stand,
And will safely lead me With His own Right Hand.**

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, ... [3 times].
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes- to- make-- His bles-sings- flow--
Far as the curse is- found, ... [3 times].
4. HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE
THE GLO-RIES OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WONDERS OF HIS- LOVE,
AND WONDERS OF HIS- LOVE,
AND- WON-DERS AND WON--DERS OF HIS- LOVE!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOME

Our Savior congregation is so very pleased to have the opportunity to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. We welcome you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome and to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely.

It is our goal to focus attention on the record of God's gracious accomplishments for our eternal destiny with Him. May the certainty of His mercy help to brighten the week ahead and this whole Holiday Season and to supply you with resolve for living as God's child and heir of eternal life.



THE DIVINE SERVICE

We call our regular Worship the "Divine Service" because it is the service of God to man. This can hardly be more true than in today's service than when we celebrate God's coming into humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ. He is True God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also True Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary to substitute for all men, women, and children and to atone for our sins.

The service follows the pattern of the Lutheran "Chorale" service, in which the main parts of the service take the form of hymns and readings.

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PROCESSIONAL O, Come, All Ye Faithful **ELH 133** ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come- ye to Beth-lehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of an-gels;
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!
2. True Son of the Father, He comes- from the skies;
To'be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joy-ful accord-;
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, [3 times], ...CHRIST THE LORD!
3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens Of Heav'n- above!
Glory to God, All glory in the high-est;
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, [3 times], ...CHRIST THE LORD!
4. Yea, LORD, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee- be all glo-ry giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appear-ing;
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!

The **INVOCATION**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

The **INTROIT** [An "Intro"duction to what the service is about today.]

P: The LORD said to Me, You are My Son, this day have I begotten You.
The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, with it He has girded Himself. ...from Psalm 110

Pastor:

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and Her Seed; He shall crush your head, and you shall strike His heel. ◇ 2 ◇ **Genesis 3:15 NKJ**

Genesis 18:18 NKJ

¹⁸ "Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations on earth will be blessed in him."

Galatians 4:4-5 NKJ

⁴But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

The **KYRIE** *Kyrie is Greek for "LORD," eleison is Greek for "have mercy."*

Pastor: Kyrie eleison, Christé eleison, Kyrie eleison;

C: LORD have mercy, Christ have mercy, LORD have mercy.

KYRIE HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **ELH 110, verses 1 & 5**

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel, 5. O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And ransom captive Israel, And open wide our Heav'nly home,
That mourns in lowly exile here Make safe the way that leads on high
Until the Son of God appear. And close the path to misery.

♪ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel! Shall come to you, O Israel!

The answer to our cry for mercy: The **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**
"Gloria in Excelsis" means "Glory/Honor in the Highest places = Heaven."

GLORIA HYMN All Glory Be to God on High **ELH 35, Sing verse 1**

1. All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good Will to men, And Peace shall reign –
on earth again; / Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The **COLLECT** for Christmas Eve A *Prayer* reflecting the theme of the day.

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that the new birth of
Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held
in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ,
our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the holy Spirit, one
true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Isaiah 9:6-7 NKJ

P: For unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is given;
and the government will be upon His shoulders,

And His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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SHORT CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Luke 2:1-20 LUTHER ON CHRISTMAS:
1. JESUS WAS SUBJECT, 2. WORLD KNOWS LITTLE, 3. GOD REVEALS, 4. OUR BROTHER!

The **OFFERING** *Then, light the hand candles for Silent Night.*

After The MESSAGE THE **LORD'S PRAYER** All pray together

**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.**

NATIVITY HYMN Silent Night, Holy Night **ELH 140** *STILLE NACHT*

NOTE: Larger-print lyrics of Silent Night printed on back page 11. →

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| 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. | 4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born! |

The Christmas **COLLECT** *Closing Prayer*

P: LORD God, Heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that of
Your mercy and compassion You caused Your Son to become
Incarnate, and through Him redeemed us from sin and
everlasting death: We beseech You, enlighten our hearts by
Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace,
and comfort ourselves thereby in all tribulation and
temptation, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the
same, your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and
forever. Amen.

The **BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give us peace.

C: Amen.

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3. **Come to Bethlehem and see,** 4. **See, within a manger laid,**
Him Whose birth the angels sing, Jesus, LORD of Heav'n and earth,
Come, adore on bended knee, Lend your voices, lend your aid
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. To proclaim the Savior's birth!

Refrain: **Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria, in excelsis De-o.**

All:

Luke 2:15-20 NKJ

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CHIEF HYMN Hark, The Herald Angels Sing ELH 125 MENDELSSOHN

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 th'angelic host proclaim. "Christ is- born in Bethlehem!"
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 th'Incarnate Deity-!
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus-, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory- to the newborn King!"
3. Hail, the Heav'nly Prince of Peace-! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings-, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He leaves His throne on high-, Born that man no more may die-;
 Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to- give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory- to the newborn King!"
4. Come, Desire of nations, come-, Fix in us Thy humble home;
 Rise, the women's conqu'ring Seed-, Bruise in us the serpent's head.
 Adam's likeness, LORD, efface-; Print Thine image in its place;
 O to all Thyself impart, Formed in- each believing heart.
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, "GLORY- TO THE NEWBORN KING!"

- ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. Upon the throne of David and over His Kingdom, To order and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Micah 5:2 NKJ

- 2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, out of you will come for Me One Who will be Ruler over Israel, whose Origins are from of old, from ancient times."

The **GRADUAL**

The "Gradual" is an excerpt from Scripture that serves to "graduate" or "move gradually" from the Old Testament Lesson to the New Testament readings.

C: Your people will be willing in the day of Your power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning. The LORD said to my LORD, Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Alleluia! Alleluia! The LORD said to Me, You are My Son, today have I Begotten You. Alleluia! ... Psalm 110:1 & Psalm 2:7

Please Read the following Scriptures as Noted:

Luke 1:26-37 NIV

Pastor: ²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Pastor & Men:

²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the LORD is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His Name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the LORD God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Pastor & Women:

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ "For with God nothing will be impossible."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Pastor:

Philippians 2:5-11 *NKJ*

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in Heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor:

Luke 2:1-7 *KJV*

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with Child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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CRADLE HYMN Away in a Manger *ELH 119*

ANONYMOUS

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.
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 'til 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.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ☸ ☸ ☆ ☸ ☸ on the ALTAR

Pastor & Men:

Luke 2:8-12 *KJV*

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings -of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the LORD. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Pastor:

Luke 2:13 *KJV*

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying,

All:

Luke 2:14 *KJV*

- ¹⁴ **Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.**

CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High *ELH 116* FRENCH CAROL

1. *Angels we have heard on high, 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Sweetly singing o'er the plains, Why your joyous strains prolong?
And the mountains in reply, What the gladsome tidings be
Echoing their joyous strains. Which inspire your Heav'nly song?*

Refrain: *Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo----ria, in excelsis De-o.* ➤

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