



CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICE

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

Pipestone, MN 56164

December 24, 2023

*We want to welcome everyone
worshiping with us this evening.*

*We pray that you will have a very
Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year!*

Opening *Come One, Come All* CTK Choir

Welcome

***Opening Carol** # 193 (Hymnal) *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

The Christ Candle Nick Bruns & Alyssa Steuck

***Christmas Carols** # 192 (Hymnal) *Angels We Have Heard on High*
184 (Hymnal) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
178 (Hymnal) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Children's Story Pastor Joe

Special Music *Noel* Bill Steuck, Alyssa & Lauren Steuck

Message **Christmas Miracle:** *Miracle of the Manger*
Matthew 1: 18 - 25 Pastor Tim

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES!

To EVANGELIZE the lost

To ESTABLISH Us in Christ

To EQUIP Us for Service!

Special Music *O Holy Night* Matt Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith

***Candle Lighting**

Christmas Carol # 195 (Hymnal) *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Open Prayers of Worship

Christmas Lord's Prayer

(sung to the tune of *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*)

Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne,
Most holy be Your Name
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth - in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need;
Forgiven may we be.
Into temptation do not lead;
From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You
In grateful love we bow.
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view
Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung
By angel hosts and men.
In every land, by ev'ry tongue,
forever more! Amen

***Christmas Blessing**

***Closing Carol** # 171 (Hymnal) *Joy to the World!*

****Denotes congregation to stand***

Christmas Eve Offering will go to the Sioux Falls Prison Ministry

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verse 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
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens
of heaven above
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
O, Jesus to Thee be all
glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Christmas Eve

Reader 1: We have lit the candles of hope, peace, joy and love . Tonight, we light The Christ Candle.

Luke 2:4-7 says, “Joseph ... went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Reader 2: We’re told nothing of the journey itself – 4 days on the road, sometimes walking, mostly riding a donkey, we would guess. It would have been excruciating for Mary, who is near-term in her pregnancy. They looked for lodging when they arrived in Bethlehem. The local inn had no room, but they’re given a stable as a shelter. Tradition says it was a cave. In that humble setting, Mary gives birth to the Christ-Child. All this new family of three have to hold onto are each other and the promises God had given them. The glory of heaven came down to an earthly stable so that anyone can feel welcome to behold Him. Let’s all look upon Jesus tonight.

Prayer: Father, thank you for the gift of your Son. For sending him into our world to be our Savior, who will save his people from their sins. Welcome Jesus and thank you for coming. We look forward to Your coming again. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous
strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your
heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth
the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee,
Christ the Lord
the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Verse 3

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 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.

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.

Verse 3

How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Verse 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
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Verses 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.

Vere 2

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse 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.

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forever more! Amen

Joy to the World!

Verse 1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart, prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.