

And she brought forth her firstborn son,
and wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and
laid him in a manger.

Luke 2:7



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD



Welcome to Trinity!

*We're glad you've come to worship with us!
If you have any questions or would like
someone to visit you, please contact either of
our pastors. We'll be happy to meet with you.*

Opening Hymn Oh, Come All Ye Faithful *CW* 55 vv.1,2,4

Lighting of the Advent Candles

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: **We remember Jesus who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.**

M: We hear his call to watch.

C: **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

Hymn Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel *CW* 23 v.1

The First Advent candle is lit.

M: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

Hymn Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel *CW 23 v.2*

The Second Advent candle is lit.

M: We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the light of the world. He came to cast out the prince of darkness.

C: We remember Jesus who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

M: We hear his call to see the light.

C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

Hymn Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel *CW 23 v.3*

The Third Advent candle is lit.

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

C: We remember Jesus whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

Hymn Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel *CW 23 v.4*

The Fourth Advent candle is lit.

Lighting the Christ Candle

M: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.

C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

M: You, O Lord, have enlarged the nation and have increased their joy.

C: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders.

The Christ Candle is lit.

M: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

M: Let us Pray

C: Most Loving Father, thank you for this night and for all it represents. Thank you for the hope you bestow, the peace you bring, the love you pour out, and the joy you give. We praise you most of all for Jesus, your Word made flesh. May he light our way as the holy star lit the way for the wise men. Amen.

Hymn Now Sing We, Now Rejoice *CW 34*

Exhortation and 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
forever and ever. Amen**

Choir Canon of the Bells
Nine Lessons and Carols

First Lesson *Our Need for a Savior* Genesis 3:8-15

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

<p>God rest ye merry, gentlemen; Let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan’s pow’r When we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.</p>	<p>From God our heavenly Father A blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name. O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.</p>
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“Fear not, then,” said the angel;
“Let nothing you affright.
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan’s pow’r and might.”
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Second Lesson *God’s promises to Abraham* Genesis 22:15-18
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *CW* 35 vv. 1,3,5

Third Lesson *A light for people in darkness* Isaiah 9:2,6-7
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *CW* 61

Fourth Lesson *A branch from the stem of Jesse* Micah 5:2-5
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” *CW* 65 vv.1,2,3

Fifth Lesson *The angel Gabriel visits Mary* Luke 1:26-35, 38
“What Child is This?” *CW* 67

Sixth Lesson *The birth of Jesus* Luke 2:1-7
“Away in a Manger” *CW* 68

Seventh Lesson *The shepherds visit the manger* Luke 2:8-20
“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt” *CW* 54 vv.1-2

Eighth Lesson *The Magi worship the newborn King* Matthew 2:1-12
“As with Gladness, Men of Old” *CW* 83 vv.1,3,4

Ninth Lesson *The mystery of the Incarnation* John 1:1-14

Hymn “Joy to the World” *CW* 62
vv.1,2,4

The OFFERING

stand

PRAYER

M: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ; grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: May he who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son (†), and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Lighting the Candles – Spreading His Light over the World

Hymn Silent Night CW 60

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht
Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht,
Nur das traute, hoch-heilige Paar
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar.
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh
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Please extinguish your candle after the hymn. If you would like to take your candle home with you, feel free. Otherwise, place your candle in the receptacle in the entry way.

Merry Christmas to you and your family with God's Richest Blessings!

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Christmas Day Worship Dec 25th 9:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Worship Dec 31st 6:00 p.m.
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Mondays at 6:00 p.m.