

Sending

Candle Lighting

Sending Hymn

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

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
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

Christmas Blessing

Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Prelude “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Ann Decker—clarinet, Gordon Decker—soprano saxophone, Barb Steers—piano

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life, **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” #271

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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. Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Special Music “The Message of the Holly”
Jim & Ted Wirtz, Jason Wieland & Ann Decker

Kid’s Sermon

Wreath Lighting “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, vs. 7 & 8 #257

The Christmas Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Sermon Hymn “What Child Is This” #296

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Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering 4pm: “I Wonder as I Wander” Ann
5:30pm: “Noel: Christmas 1913” Jim, Ted & Jason

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy page 144

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145

Communion Hymns “Away in a Manger” #277
“The First Noel” #300
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #282

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.