

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2016

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #377, "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

Invocation

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

Christmas Dialog

P: Behold, the Virgin shall be with Child, and bear a Son,
C: and they shall call His name Immanuel, God-with-us.
P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
C: those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.
P: For unto us a Child is born,
C: unto us a Son is given.
P: For there is born unto you this day in the city of David a Savior,
C: who is Christ the Lord.
P: In Him was life,
C: and the life was the light of men.
P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: You shall call Him Jesus,
C: for He will save His people from their sins.
P: Glory to God in the highest,
C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!

Christmas Eve Collect, spoken by Pastor

Hymn: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "And the Glory of the Lord"
From Handel's Messiah

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Response

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #366, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Sermon: "Home for Christmas"

Offering

Hymn: #361, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

(During this hymn the sanctuary will be darkened and the ushers will assist in lighting the candles.)

Silent Prayer

Departing Words

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, O Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

P: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light
shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.
Go in peace.

C: Amen.

Postlude

(Please deposit candles in the appropriate receptacle at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.)