## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK 24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066

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**Christmas Eve** 

December 24, 2017

**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

Ringing of the Bell

Entrance 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.

Psalm 98, prayed responsively ......front section of the hymnal

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

Christmas Eve Collect, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-16

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C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" Verses 1-2

Choral Anthem: "Amen! Tell It on the Mountain" Arr. Mary McDonald

Hymn: #386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" Verses 3-4

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20, KJV

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: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Sermon: "He Who Has the Son Has Life" 1 John 5:12

Offering

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

Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

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.)