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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2013

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

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"
Katelyn Stehr, trumpet

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

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

P: Almighty God, our maker a redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit

increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 96 front section of the hymnal

Christmas Eve Collect, spoken by Pastor

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Choral Offering: "He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

Traditional French Carol Arr. Arlen Clarke

(Il est ne, le divin Enfant)

Triangle: Donna Meyer

Tone Block: Mary Jo Arndt

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Festival Alleluia #952

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!

Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Sermon: "A White Christmas" Isaiah 1:18

Offering

Special Music: "Stille Nacht"

Played by Tally Stehr; Sung by Chloe Sorenson

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

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #363, "Silent Night"

(During this hymn the sanctuary will gradually be darkened.)

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.)*