

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Christmas Eve Worship Service – 4:00 p.m.      December 24, 2010**

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VISITORS – We welcome you to this house of prayer this afternoon.  
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

Choral Anthem: "Come to the Manger" Arr. Walter Gresens

Ringling of the Bell

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

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

Psalm 96, prayed responsively (see front cover of the hymnal)

Christmas Eve Collect

Christmas Carol: #380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Old Testament Reading .....Isaiah 9:2-7

Gradual: Psalm 98:1-2, 4 (prayed responsively)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;  
**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P: The Lord has made His salvation known  
**C: and revealed His righteousness to the nations.**

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

**C: burst into jubilant song with music.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

Epistle .....Titus 2:11-14

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

Apostles' Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

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

Sermon: "It Is All About The Gifts!"

Offering

Christmas Carol: #387, "Joy to the World"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Candle Lighting (Organ: "Away in a Manger")

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C: the Light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, 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: Christ is our Light - The Child in the manger at Bethlehem - The Suffering Savior who dies on the cross - The Lord of all soon to come to judge the living and the dead. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light in heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice! The Light of the World has come. God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we say we have fellowship with Him but still walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

**C: and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all our sin.**

Christmas Collect (prayed in unison)

O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

*(During this hymn, the sanctuary will gradually get darker.)*

Departing Words

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