# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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## CHRISTMAS DAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Oh, Come All Ye Thankful***

**1.**  Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
 Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him Born the king of angels:
 ***Refrain***

 ***Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

**2**. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest:

***Refrain***

**3.** Yea, Lord, we greet thee. Born this happy morning;

 Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n! Word of the Father,

 Now in flesh appearing;

***Refrain***

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

**P:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over-**

 **come it.**

**P:** Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

**C: We have seen Christ’s glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full**

 **of grace and truth.**

**P:** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**C: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light**

 **of all people.**

**P:** Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. (A brief silence) Almighty God, you made this holy day 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**READING Isaiah 9:2-7**

**READING Titus 2:11-14**

**HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

**1.** Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**2.** Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings
 Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die:
 Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20**

**HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

**1.** O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark street shineth The everlasting light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

**2.** For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God, the King, And peace to all on earth!

**3.** O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell:
 Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *What Child Is This***

 **1.** What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet

 while shepherds watch are keeping?

 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

 **2.** Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?

 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

 Nail, spear shall pierce him through,

 The cross be borne for me, for you;

 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary

1. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,

 come peasant, king to own Him;
 The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

 Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION**

*The minister lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John’s gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister’s candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.*

**READING John 1:1-14**

**THE PRAYERS**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people

 according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

**P:** For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

**P:** For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to

 the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.**

**P:** For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.**

**P:** For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.**

**P:** For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P:** Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the

 world, we commend all for whom we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF LIGHT *Silent Night, Holy Night!***

**1.** 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! Sleep in heavenly peace!

 **2.** Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
 Glories stream from Heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

 **3.** 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 Thy Birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth

 and love now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**DEPARTURE HYMN *Joy To The World***

**1.** Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing.

1. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
2. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.