



*December 24, 2024
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve*

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup

Assisting Minister: Rev. David Anglin (7PM), Rev. Bruce Nathan (11PM)

Organist: Doreen Leonard

Reader: Lennox Debra (7PM), Scott Krause (11PM)

Acolyte: Brayden Pellegrino (7PM), Madison Condit (11PM)

Crucifer: Michael Lough (7PM), Nathanael Kirkup (11PM)

Ushers: Christopher Gatti, Gordon Ericksen (7PM)

Christmas Season Schedule

December 25 th	Divine Service (Christmas Day)	10:00AM (WC)
December 29 th	Divine Service (Christmas 1)	10:00AM (BC)
January 5 th	Divine Service (Epiphany)	9:00 & 11:00AM (BC)
January 5 th	New Years' Brunch	10:00AM (SB)
January 11 th	Removal of Christmas Decorations	10:00AM (BC)

Prelude: Silent Night

Franz Gruber

Stand

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession,... I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 2

When all was still, and it was midnight,
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed,

**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

When all was still, and it was midnight,
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

KYRIE

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☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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☐ Glory be to God on high:
☐ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2–7

A The Old Testament reading for the Nativity of Our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter nine.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

C **To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
 And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvelous things!**

A The Epistle is from Titus, chapter two.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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SERMON

“Prelude to Glory”

Stand

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray...

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION

Mary, Did You Know

(7PM only)

Lowry/Greene

Emmanuel

(7PM only)

McGee

Soloist: Janet Geoghan

What Child Is This

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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Candlelighting

The ushers take light from the Christ candle and pass it around the church at this time.

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 sin.

Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363:1

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

The ushers will turn on the lights as the congregation extinguishes the individual candles.

Joy to the World

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Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Bock

Poinsettia Dedications

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias to decorate the altar this Christmas. Please take your plants home after 11PM Christmas Eve service or in succeeding weeks. They will be removed after our celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord on January 5, 2025.

Given by

Dedication

*Arlene Stuvon
Barbara Roth*

*In memory of Barbara Rogers
In memory of Ryan Joseph Putter
In memory of Diane Kauff Boyle
In memory of Cressy Kauff & Wilbur Kauff
In memory of Howie, Joan & Helen Hansen*

*Elaine Kohler
Susan Bieler
Linda McAvey
Carolyn & Timothy Trimborn
Beth & Joe Sagerstrand
Evelyn & Michael Schroeder*

*In memory of Joy Losgar
In memory of John F. McAvey
In memory of all our loved ones
In memory of loved ones*

Lori Connelly

*In memory of K & P Spengler
In memory of K & G Schroeder
In memory of Traudi Schroeder
In memory of James W. Connelly
In memory of Lorraine & Harold Webber
In memory of our daughter*

Stacey Alborano

Madison Elizabeth Alborano

*Marlene Countiss
Barbara Ciniglio
Marilyn Mazeski
Carol Ciccio*

*In memory of Leanna McNaughton
In memory of loved ones
In celebration of our Savior's birth
In memory of Doris & Kenneth Busch
and Ralph Ciccio*

*Joan Wolff
Sally & Paul Cataldo and Family*

*In memory of Daniel Wolff
In memory of Lillian & Peter Cataldo
In memory of Julia & Sam Lundy
In memory of James Moran & Mike Dove*

Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes there is a sign-up sheet to indicate that desire.