



*You shall find the babe  
wrapped in swaddling clothes.*  
Luke 2:12

# LivingWord LutheranChurch

Christmas Eve 'Candlelight' Service

December 24, 2018

Thank you to all who donated Poinsettias for the Sanctuary this Christmas

Al & Lydia Auge in honor of family and friends.  
 Ardene Bartness in honor of all Saints.  
 Don & Carol Brennan to the Glory of God.  
 Tony & Linda Deas in honor of their family.  
 Bonnie DeBord in memory of Les & Ken DeBord.  
 Gary & Cynthia Faul in honor of their parents.  
 Mike & Gayla Fenimore in honor of family and friends.  
 Dwight & Barb Griswold in thanksgiving for Jesus.  
 Tom & Lonna Groce in honor of their parents.  
 Jerry & Jan Halverson in honor of their parents.  
 Ron & Chaileo Heilman in memory of Ed & Darlene Heilman.  
 Gary & Rosie Heintz in memory of their parents.  
 David & Jothi Holmes in memory of their parents.  
 Pastor Eric & Connie Hullstrom in memory of grandparents.  
 Lin Jeffery in memory and honor of Padre Jeff.  
 Pastor Gary & Kitty Jepsen in memory of their parents.  
 Ardis Kilber in memory of Martin (husband) and Tracy (daughter).  
 Dennis & Judy Krumweide in memory of their parents.  
 Hal and Carolyn Martin in honor of the gift of Christ.  
 Gary & Carol Richey in memory of Herb & Betty Engle and Gene Richey.  
 Dick and Kaye Sims in memory of our parents.  
 Dick & Bonnie Socey in honor of all loved ones.  
 Lorraine Stargel in honor and in memory of mother and loved ones.  
 Reuben & Heidi Sturdivant in memory of mother and grandparents.  
 Judy Williams in honor of loved ones.



The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

**Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center**

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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**Mission Statement:** "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

**Motto:** "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

**Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)**

**Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.**

Our worship begins with the prelude. When you hear the bell and the prelude begins, we invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

**Living Word Lutheran Church**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
 5:00 pm                      December 24, 2018

**Prelude**                      **“Whisper! Whisper!”**                      **by Jay Althouse**

**Welcome: Pastor**

(please stand)

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

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| <p>1. <b>Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful,</b><br/> <b>Joyful and triumphant!</b><br/> <b>Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.</b><br/> <b>Come and behold Him,</b><br/> <b>Born the King of angels. <u>(Refrain)</u></b></p> <p>2. <b>The highest, most holy,</b><br/> <b>Light of light eternal.</b><br/> <b>Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes.</b><br/> <b>Son of the Father,</b><br/> <b>Now in flesh appearing! <u>(Refrain)</u></b></p> | <p>3. <b>Sing, choirs of angels,</b><br/> <b>Sing in exultation!</b><br/> <b>Sing, all ye citizens</b><br/> <b>Of Heaven above!</b><br/> <b>Glory to God in the highest! <u>(Refrain)</u></b></p> <p>4. <b>Yea, LORD, we greet Thee,</b><br/> <b>Born this happy morning.</b><br/> <b>Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!</b><br/> <b>Word of the Father,</b><br/> <b>Now in flesh appearing! <u>(Refrain)</u></b></p> |
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**(Refrain): Oh come let us adore Him, Oh come let us adore Him.**  
**Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the LORD!**

**Pastor:**                      *“The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*                      **Congregation:**                      **“And also with you.”**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament Prophecy (please be seated)**                      **Isaiah 9:2-7 and Micah 5:2-5a**                      **Pastor**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

*Verse 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 streets shineth**  
**The everlasting Light**  
**The hopes and fears of all the years**  
**Are met in thee tonight**

*Verse 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 men on earth**

*Verse 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**  
**O come to us abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Luke 2:1-7**

**Ardene Bartness**

## "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

1 Gen-tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth, Wise Men sought and found him;  
 3 Gen-tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There he lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.  
 Heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth Glo - ry all a - round him.  
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place, Can he be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise his name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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 Tune: Swedish, Piae Cantiones, 1582

### Luke 2:8-14

#### "What Child is This?"

Verse 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**

Verse 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  
 Nails 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**

### Luke 2:15-20

LWLC Choir

"O Come, Little Children"

by Lloyd Larson

Children's Time with Pastor Eric Hullstrom

As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.

## “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise! Join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem.” (Refrain)*

*Christ by highest heav`n adored, Christ the everlasting LORD.  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see! Hail, the Incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel! (Refrain)*

*Hail the heav`n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris`n 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. (Refrain)*

Refrain: *Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christmas Message

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Christmas Offering

As offering is brought forward, congregation stands and sings...

### “A Nativity Prayer”

(sing twice)

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day. A - men.

TEXT: Phillips Brooks

MUSIC: William David Young

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Prayers of the Church

Confession/Absolution

### The Service for Holy Communion (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

## The Words of Institution

### The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated and come forward as directed by the ushers.  
You will receive the bread and then dip it into either the wine (large chalice) or the juice (small chalice).  
(gluten-free wafers available)*

**Holy Communion:** Lutherans believe The LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – "this is my body... this is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you... this is My blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' – Matt.26:26-28), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, everyone (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

*The congregation sings*      **"Lamb of God"**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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### **Communion Hymns:**

#### **"Emmanuel"**

*(sing twice)*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel**

#### **"Alleluia"**

**1. "Alleluia..." 2. "Blessed Jesus..." 3. "Alleluia..."**

### **"Jesus, Name above All Names"**

*Verse 1*

**Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

*Verse 2*

**Jesus, loving Shepherd  
Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world**

*Verse 3*

**Jesus, Way of salvation  
King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
The way the truth and the Life,  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend**

(Please stand for the Post Communion Hymn)

**"To God Be the Glory"**

To God, be the glo - ry, to God, be the glo - ry, To  
 God be the glo - ry, for the things He has done! With His  
 blood He has saved me, With His pow'r He has raised me; To  
 God be the glo - ry, For the things— He has done!

**The Post Communion Blessing**

**Pastor:** "Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World; those who follow Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Please Light Your Candle**

**Pastor:** "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

(please be seated)

**"O Holy Night"**

**The Living Nativity**

A Recitation of John 1:1-5; 9-14

Pastor Gary Jepsen

**"Silent Night"**

Verse 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.**

Verse 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!**

Verse 3 (a cappella)

**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 Your birth. Jesus, LORD, at Your birth.**

**Benediction** (please stand)

Congregation sings the 3-fold **"Amen"**

**“Joy to the World”**

Verse 1

**Joy to the World, the LORD is come! Let earth receive her king.  
Let ev'ry 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.**

Verse 2

**No more let sin and sorrow 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.**

Verse 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.**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**(Women) Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plain.  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

**(All) (Refrain): Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.**

**(Men) Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)**

**(All) Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the LORD, the newborn King. (Refrain)**

**P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Please 'Extinguish' Candles**

After worship, please return the candles to the baskets as you leave. Thank you.

**Postlude**

Musician: Mary Kay Owen, Choir Director: Dan Owen

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**May the True Blessings of Christ and Christmas Go with You!**

**The office will be closed on Dec 25th and 26 and will reopen 12/27-12/28 9 am –noon.**

**Today's Worship Assistants**

**Set up/take down-Volunteers. Ushers -Lorraine Stargel, Don Brennan; Acolyte-Viviana Vashchenko; Lector-Ardene Bartness;  
Communion Set-up/takedown (Intinction)- Nancy Martin; Communion Assistants- Al Auge, Nancy Martin, Chat Poomnikom;  
Comm. Bread-Lonna Groce; Sound System- Bill Zavadil; Tellers-Bob Martin, Al Auge;  
Altar Setup/Take Down- Kitty Jepsen; Parking Lot-Ron Johnson**

**December 30th Worship Assistants**

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz;  
Ushers- Sharlene Parker & Ron Johnson; Acolyte-Hannah Vashchenko; Lector-Lori Schmidt;  
Communion Set-up/takedown- Lorraine Stargel, Barbara Gjerstad; Communion Assistants- Lorraine Stargel, Sharon Johnson,  
Carole Williams-Wood; Comm. Bread-Gayla Fenimore; Sound System-Joe Burdick; Tellers –Morgan Olson, Judy Krumwiede;  
Coffee Hour- Sharlene Parker, Sharon Johnson; Altar Setup/Take Down- Jan Halverson, Kitty Jepsen;  
Parking Lot-Dennis Krumwiede; Julian Estates Worship Leaders-Tony & Linda Deas**