



Ruthfred Lutheran Church

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ◆ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ◆ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ◆ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut, or *scherschnitte*, created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
Services—5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.

Welcome to Christmas Eve at Ruthfred Lutheran Church.
We invite you to listen reverently and prayerfully during the Prelude as you prepare your heart for a service of praise and worship on this holy evening.

Prelude:

A Vaughan Williams Christmas (arr. R. Vaughn Williams/D. Wagner)
FOREST GREEN (O Little Town of Bethlehem) and SUSSEX CAROL

Christ is Born (R. Charles/D. Bartolucci)
Christy Hinkelman, soloist

Christmas Visions (arr. C. Sayre)
Angels We Have Heard on High, Away in a Manger,
I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve, and Joy to the World

Still, Still, Still (arr. N. Luboff)

O Holy Night (A. Adam)
5:00 p.m. Christy Hinkelman, soloist
7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Jeen Harper, soloist

Christmas Eve Instrumentalists

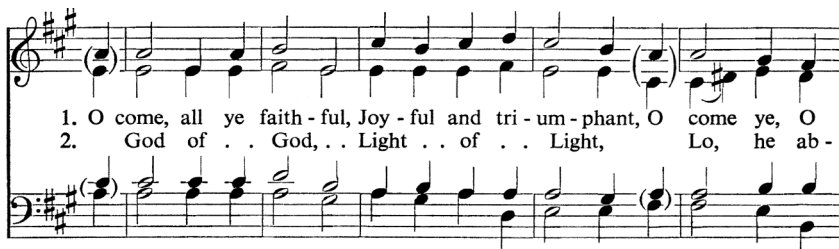
Erika Sloos and Chad Slater, violin
Alexis Trbovich, viola
Andrew Vogel, cello
Louise Marino, trumpet

The Opening Hymn:

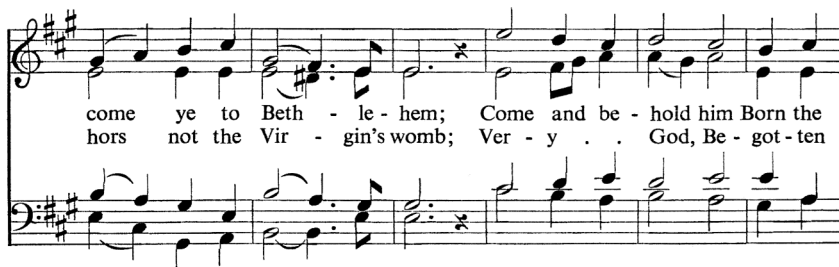
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(SBH #42)

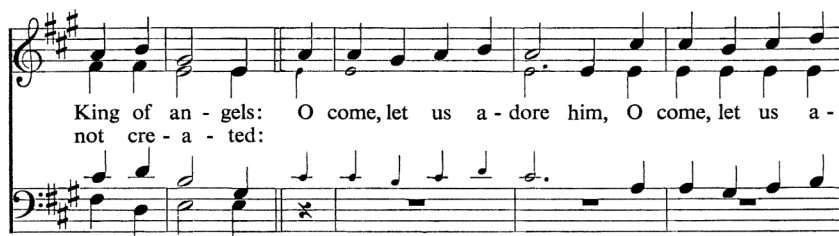
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
2. God of . . . God, . . . Light . . . of . . . Light, Lo, he ab -



come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him Born the
hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ver - y . . . God, Be - got - ten



King of an - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
not cre - a - ted:



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

*Latin Hymn, XVIII cent.
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80, and others*

The Choral Call to Worship

7:00 and 9:00 Senior Choir—"The Newborn King" (arr. L. Larson)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright:
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

The Invocation

The "invocation" is Latin for "call upon." In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ's name we have access to the Father's throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God's presence and blessing upon this service of "divine liturgy" in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sins (SBH, p. 15)

Pastor (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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

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

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

"Introit" means "to enter into," and is a responsive reading meant to lead God's forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

"Kyrie" is from the Greek word for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Absolution:

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

C: Amen

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

C: And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God.

P: The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

C: For He hath done marvelous things.

(Isaiah 9: 6, 7; Psalm 98: 1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, pity, and defend us, O God, by Thy grace.

C: Amen.

**The Hymn of
Praise:**

**"Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing"**

(AMB #20)

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th' In-car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1835

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The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

God's chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 8:19-22; 9:1-7 (NASB)

¹⁹ When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. ²¹ They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward. ²² Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven away into darkness.

¹ But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them. ³ You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the booted warrior in the *battle* tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

The Magnificat: (Read Responsively; Luke 1:46-55)

P: And Mary said: My soul exalts the Lord.

C: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

P: For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

P: AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

C: He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

P: He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.

C: HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; and sent away the rich empty handed.

P: He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy.

C: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-14 (NASB)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Alleluia" is Hebrew for
"Praise the Lord."

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

The Congregation shall rise and sing, **“Glory be to Thee, O Lord.”**

¹ Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” ¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

The Congregation shall sing, **“Praise be to Thee, O Christ.”**

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Anthems

5:00 Children's Choir **Good News** (M. Sleeth)

7:00 and 9:00 Senior Choir

Christmas Hymn (A. Grant and M. Smith/ M. McDonald)

Praise to God whose love was shown, Who sent His Son to earth,
Jesus left His rightful throne; Became a man by birth;
The virgin's baby Son, all creation praised Him,
God incarnate come; come to Bethlehem.

Still a higher call had He, Deliverance from our sins;
Come to set all people free From satan's hold within.

For by the sin of man we fell, By the Son of God
He crushed the power of hell Death we fear no more.

Now we stand with strength and power, The sons of God on earth;
Faithful to the final hour, Christ's righteousness on earth.

And now all praise is given,
For the Babe, the Son, the Savior King is risen!
Christ is Lord indeed!

Candlelight Carol (J. Rutter)

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,

Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;

Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,

But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:

Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay,

Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:

A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

The Lighting Of The Christ Candle

The Reading of the Prophecy: Isaiah 9:6

The Reading of the Fulfillment: Luke 2:7

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn (See page 12)

The Sermon:

5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Pastor Carlson: “The True Light of Christmas” |
Isaiah 8:19-22; 9:1-7

7:00 p.m. Pastor McMinn: “Our Savior Is Coming! Glorify Him!” |
Luke 2:15-20

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God’s Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ’s work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The Sermon

Hymn:

"Joy to the World"

(AMB #18)

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
(And heav'n and na - ture sing.)

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

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; 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.

The Reading of The Last Gospel: John 1:1-14 (NASB)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light. ⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

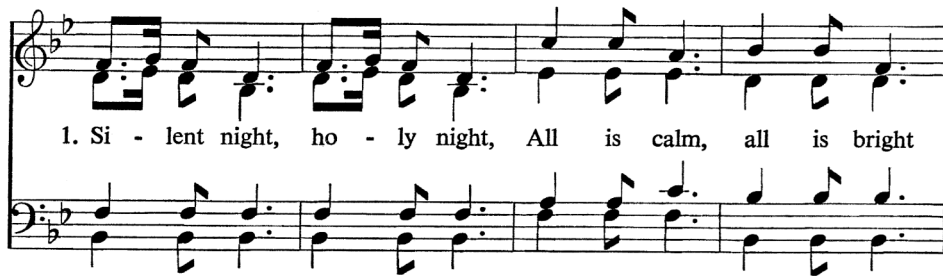
May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

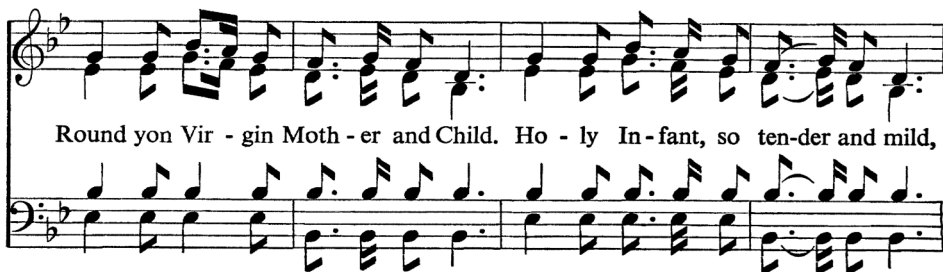
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Silent Night" (SBH #16)



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright



Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849
Tr. Unknown*

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: "Variations on Adeste Fideles" (R. Taylor)

THE POINSETTIAS ARE PRESENTED BY.....

- * Zoe Akhtar, to the Glory of the Newborn King and in memory of departed loved ones. (2)
- * Jack & Karen Alderson and Jeen & Rick Harper, with love and thanks to Jill and Roger Kurtz for their constant care and support towards our families. Jesus in your hearts shines in your service. (2)
- * Joyce Alderson, in loving memory of husband Bill. (1)
- * Joyce Alderson's seven loving great-grandchildren, in honor of their Gigi. The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. (1)
- * Bunny Barger, in honor of Betzi Barger—the most wonderful sister and best friend ever. (1)
- * Bunny and Betzi Barger, in honor of Susan Wholey and in thanks for her friendship, her enthusiasm, and for always being there to lend a helping hand along with a smile. Also, in memory of our mother, Janet, and in thanks for the joy she brought to each and every Christmas we shared together. (2)
- * Ray & Linda Baughman and Mary Jane Jones, in memory of Ray & Ruth Baughman and all loved ones. (1)
- * Patty Bierman-Schrey, with praise to God for the glorious birth of baby Jesus and in prayer for my sister and brother-in-law, that God may bless and guide them. (1)
- * The Boehme family, rejoicing in the birth of Christ. (1)
- * Pastor, Jen, Ben, Sadie, and Sam Carlson, in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation, and in thanksgiving for the Christian love of our congregation. (2)
- * Carolyn and Kathryn Carr, with thankfulness for Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn, our church staff, and our congregational family-in-Christ of Ruthfred Lutheran Church. (1)
- * The Cimarolli family, in loving memory of our parents, Stan & Carol Kletch. (1)
- * Chris and Marcia Clark, in loving memory of their parents: Glenn & Alice Clark and Al & Anna Mae Hamilton. (2)
- * Steve and Peggy Cox, in honor of our family. (2)
- * Larry Cumberledge, in memory of Imogene and Dan Cumberledge. (1)
- * Lauren and Hollynne Daugherty, Vienne Battaglia, and Paul Briggs, in loving memory of Joseph Habovick, grandfather/great grandfather to Lauren, Vienne, and Hollynne, and in memory of Jay, beloved brother to Paul. (2)
- * Sue and Bill Dawson, in memory of loved ones. (2)
- * Grace Diehm, in loving memory of Charles Diehm. (1)
- * Virginia DiSalvo & family, in loving memory of Charles DiSalvo. (1)
- * Mari Donlin, in memory of my parents. (1)
- * Nathan and Abby Donolo and family, in memory of Blaise Donolo. (1)
- * Tom and Linda Eld. (2)
- * Steve and Becky Evans, given to the glory of God. (1)
- * Arlene Fees, in loving memory of my husband, Ronald Fees; in loving memory of the Fees & Yurko families. (2)
- * Frank and Lisa Fife, in memory of Lisa's father William O'Lare and brothers Bill and John O'Lare; in honor of our mothers, Priscilla O'Lare and Anne Fife; in memory of Frank's father, Jack Fife, his sister Sue Fife Greensberger, and Baby Owen Weimer Shilatz. (3)
- * Frank Fife, in honor of his wife, Lisa O'Lare Fife. (1)

- * Mary Habovick, to the praise and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord and in remembrance of loved ones. (2)
- * Russ and Linda Hafen, in thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His many blessings. (1)
- * Marc and Barbara Harrold, in honor of Carol Hall and the celebration of our Lord's birth; in thankfulness of God's blessings and His gift of Jesus' birth. (2)
- * Debbie Huffman, in loving memory of my mother, Patricia VanKirk; in honor of my father, William VanKirk, and my grandchildren—Ava, David, Emma, and Bobbie. (2) and Gerry Sippel. (2)
- * Sue Hughes, in memory of Lee Hughes, Betty Hess, and Isobel Porter, and in gratitude for their present Joy. (1)
- * Jeremy, Logan, & Megan Huwe, Merry Christmas to Gram & Pap Schrott and Grandma Huwe! Also, in memory of PapPap Huwe and our great-grandparents. (2)
- * Mike Kovac, in memory of loved ones who have passed and in honor of my parents, Sue & Andy, and our newest family member, Asher David Kovac. (3)
- * Jill and Roger Kurtz, in worship of Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and King. (1)
- * Meig Kurtz, thanking God for loving memories of Mom and Dad, my friends. (1)
- * Mimi, Mary Anne, and Philip Lindauer, in honor of their mother, Pat Lindauer. (1)
- * Pat Lindauer, in loving memory of Leonard. (1)
- * Ed and June Malachosky, in memory of our parents, Bill & Eleanor and Ed & Mary. (2)
- * Melissa and Matt Manzo & family, in honor of Mary Lou Streiner with love and appreciation for her friendship and support; in loving memory of Nancy Thomas. (2)
- * Joe, Joyce, and Brian McClune in loving honor of Barbara McClune and in loving memory of Wayne McClune. (1)
- * Joyce, Joe, and Brian McClune in loving memory of parents and grandparents Lois & Don Funk. (1)
- * Don and Carol McDowell, in memory of our parents. (1)
- * Pastor and Erin McMinn & family, in honor of Ruthfred's lovingly devoted Sunday School teachers. Thank you all! (1)
- * Pastor and Erin McMinn and family, in honor of our parents, Jim McMinn, Stephanie Schlinkman, and Bill & Sue Dawson. (2)
- * Sibyl Mose, in memory of DeWayne and Martha Kanagy. (1)
- * Karl and Connie Munn, to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones. (1)
- * Mick and Marlene Nowicki, to the glory of God in honor of The Christ Child and the blessings of family. (1)
- * Katie Recaldini, in loving memory of Agnes & Victor Recaldini. (1)
- * Bob and Gladys Reith, in memory of their parents, Charles & Gladys Schueler and Herbert & Dorothy Reith; in honor of their children: Susan Swan, Linda Baird, Janet Pacich, and David Reith; in honor of their grandchildren: Nathan Swan, Bethany Hosack, Alexandra Pacich, and Jenna Pacich. (3)
- * The Rieck family, in honor of Pastor Carlson & family and Pastor McMinn & family. (2)
- * Mark and Jodie Riley, Glory to the Newborn King! (1)
- * Kathy and Rich Rostauscher, in memory of loved ones. (1)
- * Bev Rowan, to thank and honor God for all blessings, trials, and challenges. (1)

- * Jan & John Ruzicka, in memory of the family members who have passed on to be with the Lord. (1)
- * Joanne Salvetti, in honor of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. (1)
- * Annette, Greg, Sean, and Ryan Saul, in memory of our parents/grandparents: Carmella & Frank Ferraro and Esther & John Saul. (1)
- * Russ and Patty Schrey & family, in prayer for the Ukrainian people and for the war to end ASAP. Guide our leaders and support our troops, doctors, nurses, and all emergency personnel. In appreciation for the stained glass Christmas scene above the altar—it is stunning. (1)
- * Debbie Skundrich, in memory of my dearest husband of 50 years. Raymond A. Skundrich; with gratitude to our dear pastors and their families. (2)
- * Skundrich and Alwine Families, in memory of our beloved parents, Bob & Louise Johns, and our dear brother David. (1)
- * Lois Smock, in memory of Marcia and in thankfulness for many blessings. (2)
- * John and Lynn Sperandio, in loving memory of Jerry and Sally Power and in loving memory of Helen Sperandio. (2)
- * John and Elizabeth Stilley, in honor of our family. (1)
- * Ron and Chris Stout, in honor of our moms, Betty Stout and Evelyn Meyer. (2)
- * Mary Lou Streiner, in loving memory of Ernie and our wonderful Christmases together; in honor of the special kids in the Children's Choir and Melissa Manzo, their loving director. (2)
- * Bill VanKirk, in loving memory of my wonderful wife, Patricia VanKirk. (1)
- * Norma Vogel, in loving memory of her dear sister, Linda J. Vogel, and in loving memory of her wonderful parents, Wilbert J. and Alma L. Vogel. (2)
- * Carol and Bill Ward, in gratitude for Bob Vogel, Melissa Manzo, the Senior Choir, the Children's Choir, the Bell Choir, and all the musicians who acclaim Jesus' birth with glorious music. (1)
- * Donna & Jason Weighley, in memory of Donna's parents and Jason's grandparents, in honor of our church family that we are blessed to be a part of, in honor of the birth of our Savior, and in honor of Jaeden Mohring and all those deployed away from those who love them. (4)
- * Marly Willis, in loving memory of Kristie McCorkle, sadly missed by Devon, Beckett, the McCorkle family, and the Oshita family. Also, in loving memory of Tom Willis, Earl & Vera, and Joseph & Ruth McCorkle—blessed family in the Lord. (2)
- * Libby Wood, in honor of my son Doug; in memory of Merle R. Brickner. (2)

Many thanks to the Altar Guild for arranging the lovely poinsettias and decorating our church.

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