

Christ the King Lutheran Church

December 24, 2016 • Christmas Eve.
10:30 PM • Pastor Jennifer Hackbarth

✝ *Congregation stands as able.*

PRELUDE "Noel Nouvelet and Pat-a-Pan" arr. McLean Betsy Murray
"O Holy Night" arr. McChesney Joyful Noise Bell Choir

WELCOME

✝ **CAROL** "Joy to the World" ELW 267 / Screen

✝ **CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING** Screen
L: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.
P: And also with you.

✝ **CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER** Screen
Leader: Let us pray:
All: Almighty God, you made this holy night 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Noel Peace Canon" by Schram King's Choir

WORD

LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 555 in pew Bible)

✝ **CAROL** "O Come All Ye Faithful" ELW 283 / Screen

✝ **GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 832 in pew Bible)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Jennifer

✝ **CAROL** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" ELW 270 / Screen

CHRISTMAS OFFERING "Festive Noels" arr. by Krogstad King's Choir

✝ **OFFERTORY** "We Come Now to Thank You" Screen

✝ **OFFERING PRAYER** Screen

L: Let us Pray: Merciful Father,

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✝ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

L: ...God of heavenly peace

P: Hear our prayer. (after each petition):

L: Keep us close to your cradle, and hear our grateful prayers, O God, even as we trust in your tender mercy.

P: Amen.

✝ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** - sung to "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Screen

✝ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** Screen

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "What Child Is This?" ELW 296
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ELW 282
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279

✝ **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

✝ **CANDLE LIGHTING**

The pastor will light the usher's candles. The ushers will light the candles of the person nearest the aisle. Please pass the light to the person alongside of you. The lit candle is never tilted, but is held upright when giving light to another. When all candles are lit, we will sing Silent Night.

✝ **CAROL** "Silent Night" ELW 281

✝ **BENEDICTION** Screen

(candles are extinguished at this time)

POSTLUDE "Yuletide Echoes" by W. Hodson Betsy Murray

*Musicians: Betsy Murray, Joyful Noise Bell Choir
King's Choir and King's Brass*