

Christ the King Lutheran Church

December 24, 2016 • Christmas Eve.
4:00 PM • Pastor Jennifer Hackbarth

✠ *Congregation stands as able.*

PRELUDE *Traditional French Carols* Betsy Murray

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 *“O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam* Bea Jones

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)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Jennifer

CAROL *“The First Noel” Vs. 1-4* ELW 300 / Screen

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Jennifer

✠ CAROL *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”* ELW 270 / Screen

CHRISTMAS OFFERING *“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”* Betsy Murray

✠ 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

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” ELW 271

“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.

The Holy Family will process to the manger as the congregation sings.

✠ CAROL *“Silent Night”* ELW 281

✠ BENEDICTION Screen

(candles are extinguished at this time)

POSTLUDE *“Yuletide Echoes” by W.Hodson* Betsy Murray

LIVE NATIVITY

During the postlude and in semi-darkness, the congregation is invited to silently recess down the side aisles, view the Holy Family, and leave by the center aisle.