

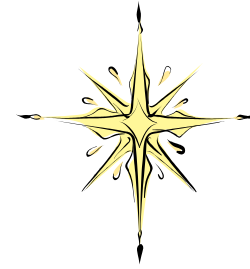
CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDELIGHT SERVICE**

DECEMBER 24, 2016

5:00 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M.



CAROLS SUNG AT 10:00 P.M.

ELW # 275 *ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY*

ELW #300 *THE FIRST NOEL*

ELW #288 *GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE*

ELW #270 *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

ELW #269 *ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY*

ELW #292 *LOVE HAS COME*

ELW #294 *IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER*

ELW #278 *AWAY IN A MANGER*

PREACHER: ROBERT H. PREUSS

LITURGIST: AMY OSLUND

LAY MINISTER: DUANE GUDKNECHT (5:00PM)

COREEN JOHNSON (10:30PM)

ACOLYTE: MIRANDA HAAGENSEN (5:00PM)

PERRI LINROTH (10:30PM)

USHERS: WAYNE LUND'S TEAM (5:00PM)

DOUG OSLUND'S TEAM (10:30PM)

GREETERS: BOB AND KIM BRYNILDSON (5:00PM)

DAVE AND KAY OLSON (10:30PM)

MUSICIANS: CHELSEY CHRIST

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HEARTS, HANDS AND VOICES CHOIR

NURSERY: OPEN BUT NO ATTENDANT

The Christmas flowers beautifully decorating the altar tonight have been given by:



Darrell and Marie Anderson in memory
of loved ones

Sherry Batterman in memory
of Peter Batterman and Dean Hauge

Richard and Dottie Bingman in celebration of
our 24th Wedding Anniversary

Larry and Mary Brandt in memory of Harold and Doris Brandt
and William and Mary Feldhersen

Linda Duncan and Lisa and Cody LeMay in memory
of Clay Duncan and Catherine McKenzie

Dan and Tammy Erickson in memory of Bill Lewinski,
Kristen Lewinski, and Tom Featherstone

Sylvia Graham in memory of loved ones

Ruby, Linda and Lori and their families in memory
of Roxy Horrisberger

Nola Hoveland in memory of Mom, Dad,
4 Brothers and 2 Sisters

Marlyce Johnson

Doug, Amy, Signey, Simon and Nora Oslund in honor of
all the grandparents in our lives

Bob Preuss and Michele Simon in memory of
Ernie and Loretta Simon, and Bob and Jean Preuss

Lenore Ryder in memory of loved ones

Arlo & Kay Stack in memory of Harry and Evelyn Stack,
LuVern and Esther Buck

Kim Stack in celebration of grandchildren

Mary Vatne in celebration of God's Love

Other flowers in memory of
Arline Hagen and Roxy Horrisberger

The plants can be picked up after the Christmas Day Service.

Bob Preuss and Amy Oslund, Pastors
Tyler Forsythe, Choir Director
Chelsey Christ, Organist
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Cross Lutheran Church

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*

** - indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE 5:00PM Only Silent Night! Holy Night! arr. Ed Kerr

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW # 283

***INVOCATION**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
C. **The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- L. By God's grace the desert will sing and rejoice
C. **And the wilderness will blossom with flowers;**
- L. And will see the Lord's splendor,
C. **See the Lord's greatness and power.**
- L. Tell everyone who is anxious:
C. **Be strong and don't be afraid.**
- L. The blind will be able to see;
C. **The deaf will be able to hear;**
- L. The lame will leap and dance;
C. **Those who can't speak will shout.**
- L. They will hammer their swords into ploughs
C. **And their spears into pruning-knives;**
- L. The nations will live in peace;
C. **They will train for war no more.**
- L. This is the promise of God;
C. **By God's grace God's promise will be fulfilled.**

*PRAYER

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Gabriel's Message* arr. Tony Alonso

THE PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7 O.T. p. 638

CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* ELW # 282
(Please remain seated)

ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-33 N.T. p. 56

CAROL *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ELW # 272

***THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-20 N.T. p.58

CAROL *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* ELW # 286

THE SERMON

CAROL *What Child Is This* ELW # 296

OFFERING *What Child Is This* arr. Timothy Brown

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Pg. 112

CANDLE LIGHTING

During this portion of the service, the sanctuary will be darkened, and the congregation will light candles. Please light your candle from that of the person next to you by holding your unlit candle at a 90-degree angle to their upright candle.

Creator of the Stars of Night Choir

Silent Night ELW # 281

**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.**

**Silent Night, Holy Night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts...Sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

**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.**

*PRAYER

Lord Jesus, purify our hearts that they may be your dwelling place. May our hearts be always open to you; abide with us that we may abide with you. We praise your coming into the world for us and we proclaim you Lord of Lords and King of Kings, now and forever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

***CAROL** *Joy to the World* ELW # 267

POSTLUDE

5:00 PM *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Cindy Berry
10:30PM *The First Noel* arr. Ed Kerr