



Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 p.m.  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Rogers City MI

# Christmas Eve Candle Light Hymns and Readings

Welcome in the name of our coming Lord Jesus Christ. Tonight we celebrate with all who gathered by the light of the manger. You will notice that our sanctuary is darkened this evening except for the candles and the lower light settings. This is a way for us to celebrate the momentous occasion of Christ being born in the flesh. Before Christ our world was dark. We were forever lost in sin and darkness with no hope of salvation. But God in his great wisdom and mercy gave us a way back to him. That way flows through Christ. With his birth light once again flooded the earth. NO longer are we lost in darkness. No longer are stuck in our sins. For our Immanuel has come. Our God with us has taken on flesh and tonight as we gather around the manger in our minds eye, we too have hope. Merry Christmas!

## Order of Worship: Derived from Divine Service Setting 3

**Opening Hymn: 357 O Come O Come Emmanuel**

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**Introit (Inside Bulletin)**

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**Salutation and Collect (bulletin)**

**Hymn: 379 O come All ye Faithful**

**Old Testament Reading (insert)**

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**Epistle (insert)**

**Hymn: 370 What Child is This**

**Gospel (insert)**

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**Hymn: 380 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: 368 Angels we Have heard on High**

**Prayers**

**Hymn 363 Silent Night (with candles)**

**Lords Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn: 387 Joy to the World**

**Introit** *Psalm 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*

Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended  
from the | royal throne.

Why do the | nations rage\*

and the peoples | plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*

against the Lord and against his a- | noointed.

He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*

the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*

and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*

your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 9:2–7*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Titus 2:11–14*

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for  
all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly  
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the  
present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory  
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us  
to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people  
for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that  
all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration  
when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered,  
each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from  
the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called  
Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be  
registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while  
they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave  
birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and  
laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the  
field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the  
Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear  
not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for  
all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you  
will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a  
manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the  
heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**