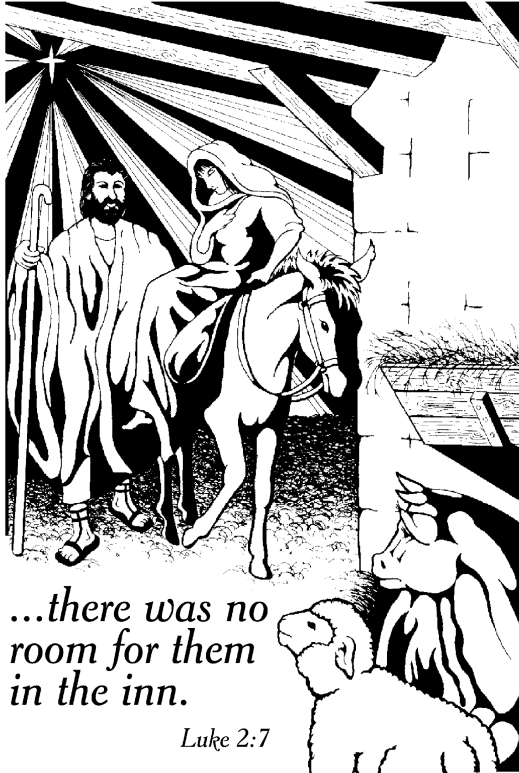


Christmas Eve 8 PM Candlelight Communion



*...there was no
room for them
in the inn.*

Luke 2:7

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN - "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

94 Red

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Pastor: We are here tonight to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are here because we know that we would be unprepared for the birth of a Savior if He were born to us today. We are here to celebrate that God, through His Spirit, calls us out of our sins and makes our lives straight to Him.

Let us make confession in our hearts of all that separates us from God. Let us bring forth all thoughts, words and deeds with which we offend God.

(A time of silence is observed for each to think about and make confession.)

Cong: Holy Father, we confess our sins of pride, our sins of foolishness, our sins of selfishness, our sins of intolerance, our sins of wickedness, all our sins which separate us from You and each other and keep us from Your Kingdom, when your Son comes again to proclaim it to us. All these we confess to you, Father, and ask your forgiveness.

Pastor: By God's command, and because He has sent His Son into this world to take upon Himself our sins, I announce to you the grace and forgiveness of God. Be assured of His love and heed His call: Go and sin no more. Amen

THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT

(The building lights are extinguished and we begin to realize the power of God's forgiveness as we see the spreading of His light through the lighting of the candles.)

THE HYMN - "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

Oh, Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh, Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2-7

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Titus 2: 11-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20

THE HYMN - "JOY TO THE WORLD"

387 Burgundy

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Run Shepherds!"

Pastor: Let us pray.

Cong: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your goodness and symbols of your love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE HYMN - "HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" 380 Burg.

THE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for His Glory.

Cong: We give thanks. We rejoice in His presence.

Pastor: Thanks and praise be to you, O Father, who sent your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

Cong: He came for us. Help us to accept His coming.

Pastor: He walked among us, a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict and commanded us to remember His death, His death which gives us life, and to wait for Him until He comes again in Glory.

Cong: We remember His death. We live by His presence. We wait for His coming again.

Pastor: On the night . . . we await the gift of Himself.

Cong: Come Lord Jesus, Come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DIRECTIONS

- Unless you are intincting or pausing with the wafer over the Common cup, please eat your wafer as soon as you receive it.
- If you are using the individual cup, after receiving it, come to pastor to drink your individual cup.
- deposit individual cups in red bowl on the pew

THE DISTRIBUTION –

“ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY” 367 Burg.

THE DISMISSAL PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

Cong: We thank you, Almighty God, for the healing power of this gift of life. And we pray that it may strengthen our faith in you and our love for each other. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, we pray this. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

THE HYMN - "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

1. 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.
2. 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!
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,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

2024

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(CONNIE, VICTORIA, AMANDA, JONATHAN,
NICHOLAS & JESSIE, CORINNE & GREG;
LUCAS, JESSICA & BRODY, COLIN, DIXIE & RUBY)
By Deborah & Barton Adams

Merry 
Christmas 

THANK YOU

Our thanks to those who have prepared our house of worship and who have served this evening. A special thank you to:

OUR THANKS TO: Brian Edwards for the beautiful Advent wreaths which grace our Altar area and entrances; John & JoAnn Pilecki, Pastor Don & Roxann Muller, Ken & Barbara Barnes, Doc Tessoroff, Merrick Khan who set up and decorated the Christmas tree. Cindy Hemingway & Kathy Chapman for the preparation of our altar area. Our thanks also to Linda Benivegna & Roxann Muller, Sandy Voigt and Ellen Bischoff for the arrangement of our poinsettias; Lisa Brahm who cleaned, Lisa Serron and Linda Benivegna for preparing our Christmas bulletin for this evening.

Jim and Joyce Wicker graciously shared their beautiful nativity scene with us again this year and we thank them for that. Take a moment to look at the display in the Gathering Space. It is truly lovely! Joyce handcrafted all the figures and Jim created the stable. Thanks to both for this beautiful artwork.

Thank you to those who are serving at worship tonight: Stephanie Cheney for leading us in music; Nola Trost, Elliot Reding, Ron & Kathy Chapman, Dave Pittenger, Scott Norris, Sandy Smith, Sandy Voigt, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, and all who offered their gifts of service this evening.

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May the joy, celebration, and care of the Savior fill your hearts and lives with His love during this special time of year!

Offerings gathered this evening will be donated to Canandaigua Churches in Action, Lutheran World Relief, Tunnel 2 Towers and the Roxann Muller Little Lambs Scholarship Fund to provide for those in need both locally and worldwide.

**Have a blessed and joyous Christmas.
God be with you! Join us again this weekend**