

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW 289

Christmas Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

L: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Gracious God,

All: in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5,9-14

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v 1 & 2 ELW 279

Gospel Acclamation "Go Tell It on the Mountain" v 1

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Gospel Response "Go Tell It on the Mountain" v 2 ELW 290

Children's Message
Sermon Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Carol "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" ELW 270

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: Oh, come let us adore him!

L: The light shines in the darkness

All: And the darkness cannot overcome it.

L: Jesus is the light of the world. You are the light of the world.

All: Let us fill this world with the light and love of Christ!

L: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

All: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

L: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen!

Offering

Offertory 3:30 pm "Gesu Bambino" Rivers Edge Quartet & ERLC Choir
10:00 pm "For Unto Us a Child is Born" ERLC Choir

Offering Prayer: **Creator God, we are filled to overflowing with the joy of this season. As the Magi offered their best to the Christ child, we place before you our offerings from the gifts you have given to us. May they be used to further your work among us. Amen.**

Communion Canticle

L: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

All: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

All: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

All: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

All: to sing for joy with the angels.

L: In the brightness of his life

All: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

L: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

All: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Elk River Lutheran; members and visitors, young and old, all are welcome. There is bread or gluten free wafers, and wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Communion Carols "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" ELW 265

"Away in a Manger" ELW 277

"What Child is This" ELW 296

Christmas Communion Prayer: **Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lighting of Candles (Please be seated)

P: Let your light shine before others, so all may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

(When lighting the candles, please tip only the unlit candles.)

Special Music 3:30 pm "O Holy Night" Taylor Quinn
10:00 pm "O Holy Night" Joyce Hels & Cassie Gerber

Responsive Reading

L: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

All: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. (John 1:1-2)

L: And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (Genesis 1:3)

All: All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:3-4)

L: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness, did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Carols by Candlelight

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

All: Amen.

"Go in peace, Share the Good News! We Will! Thanks Be to God!"

Postlude

Serving Us Today

Greeters
Ushers

3:30 pm Service

Budish Family
Keith Quammen; Joe, Gabe,
Grace and Michael
Livingston and Tom
Winguard

10:00 pm Service

Vaughn and Michele Smith
Chuck Hulse

Lector
Musicians

Marty Lemke
River's Edge Quartet, Taylor
Quinn, ERLC Choir

Marty Lemke
ERLC Choir, Joyce Hels &
Cassie Gerber

Audio Visual
Communion Steward
Communion Server

John Auel
Darin Dalzell
Greg and Deb Pouliot,
Martha Hippe, Pat Clear and
Liz Kremer

Dale Ziner
Carol Black, Vicki Granros

Basket Holder

Cale Wornson, Macy and
Brantley Hoeft

Communion Clean Up
Pre Service Communion
Fill

Garnet Novotny
The Horner Family

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 -

3:30 pm & 10:30 pm



Elk River
LUTHERAN ELCA
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



Prelude Music

Bea Bastyr

Welcome/Sharing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And Also with you.**

Carol

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

ELW 271

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Today we light all the candles on the advent wreath as we celebrate the coming of the Messiah. Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: Oh, come let us adore him!

L: Unto us a Child is born!

All: Oh, come let us adore him!

L: And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

All: Oh, come let us adore him!

Pastor: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Oh, come let us adore him!

