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**Christmas Eve Drive-In Service**

# Joyous Light

Christmas 2020



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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Today we celebrate the joyous light of Christ as we light all of the candles on the Advent wreath.

### *Light Candles*

Scripture tells us:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5

Let us pray together,

**All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

### SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Hope for Everyone"**

CHORUS

We are waiting on the promise  
For the One who lights the darkness.  
Bending low to be among us,  
Bring Your glory in the highest, Jesus.

VERSE 1

Hear the angels sing, "There's hope for everyone!"  
To announce our King, there's hope for everyone.  
What good news they bring, there's hope for everyone;  
Angels sing, "there's hope for everyone!"

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Come let us adore, hope for everyone;  
On the manger floor, there's hope for everyone;  
What are you waiting for, there's hope for everyone;  
Come adore, there's hope for everyone.

CHORUS

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION CANTICLE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name, now and forever. Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **OFFERING TIME**



### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Creator God, we are filled to overflowing with the hope 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.**

# Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

“Go in peace, share the good news”

**“We will, thanks be to God!”**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## Operation Joyous Light Memorials & Honorariums



*In memory of our Parents & Grandparents*

*In Memory of Gary Becker*

*In Memory of Walter & Elma Scroggins & Martha & Otto Burandt*

*In Memory of loved ones*

*In Memory of husband Neil Dietz*

*In Loving Memory of grandson Riley*

*In Memory of our Parents*

*In Memory of my beloved of 64 years who passed October 16, Carl Hary*

*In Memory of Brian and Sue Rieken*

*In Memory of Carter Corpe - A light that brightened all who knew him*

*In Honor of our little joyous light, Kai*

*ERLC Staff for bringing us so much joy in 2020!*

*In Memory of Harriet Walburn*

*In Memory of Dale, my brother Gary, my parents & grandparents*

*In Memory of David Clough*

*In Honor of mother, Doris Nelson*

*In Memory of parents, Lorenz Nelson, Forest and Pearl Abbott and Brother-in-law Steve Sindelir*

*In Memory of Harold Novotny*

*In Memory of Marvin & Mildred Lindroth*

*In Memory of Clifford & Ingeborg Olson*

*In Honor of our kids & grandkids*

*In Memory of our son, Jeff*

*In Memory of our loved ones no longer with us*

*In Honor of Diana's cousin Robin Skeie*

*In Memory of Diana's cousin Judy Gaalswyk*

*In Honor of our children & grandchildren*

*In Honor of Family & Friends*

*In Memory of Guy*

*In Memory of Steve Vevea*

*In Memory of our Parents & Lori's Brother*

*By Babs & Don Armagost*

*By Eric, Heidi & Tyler Becker*

*By Barbara Burandt*

*By Marlyne Dalzell*

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*By Dan & Val Nelson*

*By Garnet Novotny*

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*By Cedric & Marlys Olson*

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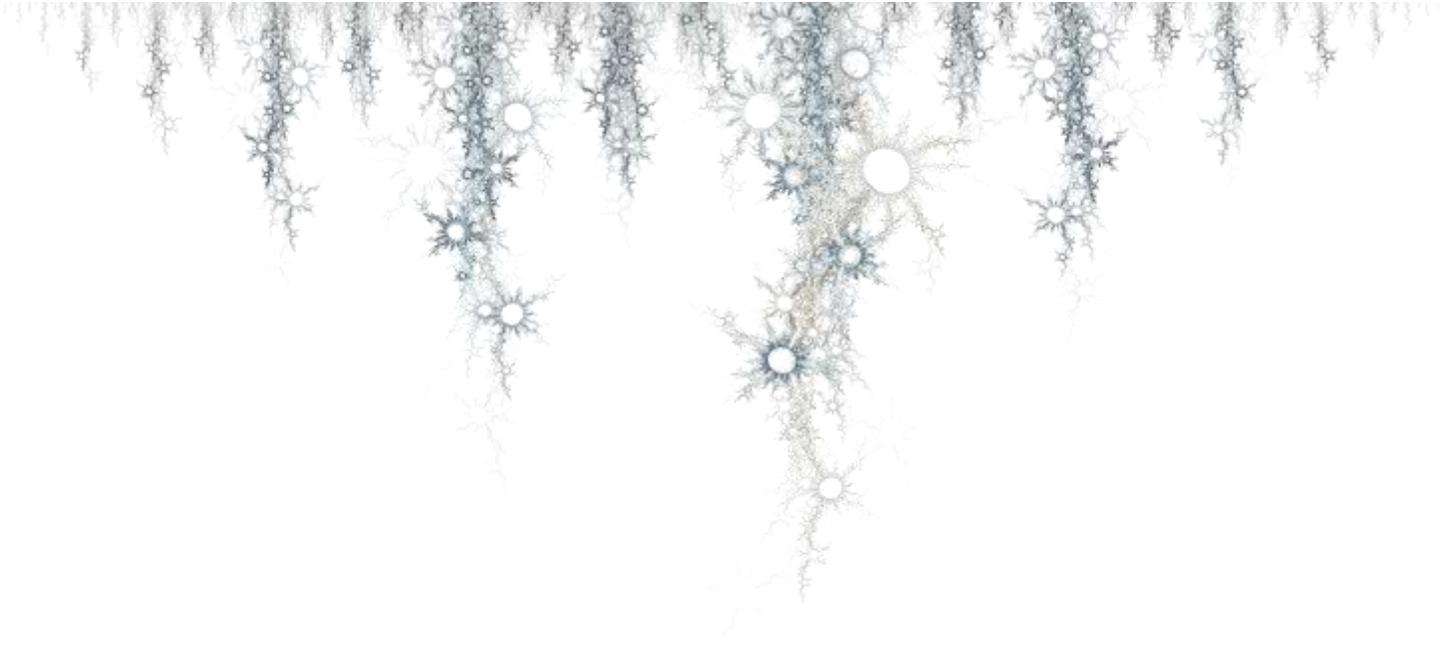


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### ***THIS WEEK***

#### **FRIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY**

Church Offices are Closed



#### **SATURDAY**

8am – Men's Bible Study

#### **SUNDAY**

9:30am – Lessons and Carols Worship

#### **TUESDAY**

9am Quilters

#### **WEDNESDAY**

NO Confirmation/High School Youth

#### **THURSDAY**

10am – Thursdays with Taylor  
4pm Musicians' Happy Hour

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