



Christmas Eve Service 2020  
Communion and Candlelight Service  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Pastor Deb Grismer



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Today we light the Christ candle in praise to Christ, whose birth we celebrate. O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

*But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.*

**And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising".**

*Jesus said, "I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning*

*star ... Surely I am coming soon."*

**"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**HYMN**

***"Joy to the World"***

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n  
and nature sing.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Let us confess our sins to God and seek God's forgiveness.*

*Almighty God,*

**on this Christmas Eve we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and Light. Yet so often we turn from the light of your love to walk in darkness. We sin against you daily in our thoughts, words and actions. In this season of light and love, we often become unkind and impatient with others. We become too busy with our own plans and activities to rejoice in your plan for our salvation revealed on this holy night. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our Light.**

*God in mercy sent his Son to be our Savior. On this night we celebrate the Light born among us to banish the darkness of sin from our lives. As a called and ordained minister and by God's authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Almighty God, you have sent your Son to be our Savior. He is the dawning light, the Dayspring, the bright Morning Star. He is the Light of the world, and his light banishes the darkness of sin and fear.*

**As your children, we walk now as children of light, following in the footsteps of Jesus our Lord. On this holy night, as we celebrate his birth in Bethlehem, we are filled with joy because the light of your salvation now shines on us. We pray that your light will shine through us and spill out of our lives to touch the lives of others so that they too will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory

will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned,

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**                    *“Come, O Dayspring”*

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Light of the World,* Hear our prayer, and shine on our darkness.

**OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Generous God,*

you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth  
that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we  
might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*(To avoid dripping the wax, please do not tilt the lighted candle.)*

*Hold it upright when giving the light to another.)*

**HYMN**

**“Silent Night”**

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**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round you  
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**

*Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true  
light. As we have been invaded by light, let us shine our lights in  
the world. As we have been found, let us seek out the lost. As we  
have been set free, let us set the captives free. May your light bring  
hope and healing to our world. Amen.*

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."**

**Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

*Refrain*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!**

**Hail the Sun of righteousness!**

**Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**

*Refrain*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

## DISMISSAL

*Glory to the newborn king. Christ is with you, go in peace. Let your light shine as you serve the Lord.*

**Okay, we will! Thanks be to God.**

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*We invite, encourage, educate and empower  
all people to follow God and serve others.*



Merry Christmas from our home to yours! I am so grateful to be celebrating once again the birth of our Savior with all of you in-the-building and online. Thank you for worshiping with us. Thank you to all who assisted with assisted with worship in so many ways. A special thank you to our musicians, Conni Virtue, Jenn & Michaela Doyle, Carla Oerter and Richard Stinson. All of you have helped to allow us to celebrate this Christmas.

Christmas is not over. Christmas Season has just begun.  
Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season and beyond.

## What's next at OSL?

Sunday, December, December 27 – “Come, O Emmanuel”

*A Belated Christmas Day worship service at 9:30 am online and in-the-building*

Sunday, January 3 – “Welcome to the New Year”

*A Belated New Year's Day worship service at 9:30 am. This service will be ONLINE ONLY. No in-the-building worship on this day*

Sunday, January 10 – “There's Grace for That”

*We will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and renew our own baptismal covenants as we begin our new worship series.*

## FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU SOUP SUPPER



January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

5:00-6:00pm



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Soup (and more) to go

A little warmth on a chilly night!

A variety of soups will be available.

**\*\*Sponsored by the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Outreach Committee\*\***



**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR  
YOUTH!**

**Need a last-minute Christmas gift? Or maybe you would like a gift that keeps on giving for yourself?**

**2021 Black Hills Coupon Books - \$20.00**

We received notification of a delay from the printer so the books are not available quite yet but Gift Certificates are, which can be redeemed for a book as soon as they arrive.

Gift Certificates can be purchased from Pastor Deb, Josie in the church office or a Youth Group member or future Bible Camper. Call, text or email Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or [pastordeb@oslhermosa.com](mailto:pastordeb@oslhermosa.com)



# DOG Night

Online Disciples of God (DOG) Night Christian Education ministry will begin again on January 13, 2021. We have decided we are going to focus on having fun with our online ministry while growing in faith. Skits, puppets and who knows what else will bring God's Word to life!



## NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY THROUGH OSL

### *FROLIC WITH FAMILIES: LITTLE STEPS. BIG FAITH.*

Are you a parent of an infant, toddler or preschooler looking for tools to help your little one grow in faith?

You belong here! With the help of the *Frolic* curriculum from Augsburg Fortress and each of you, Pastor Deb will facilitate opportunities for you and your child(ren) to grow in faith together. This ministry might include weekly or monthly videos, activities to do at home, Zoom gatherings or even times to gather in person based on the desires of small group members. We will focus on experiencing Bible stories through reading, songs, dance, and other activities while helping our little ones experience God's love and our love. It is open to anyone from any church or non-church background. Please call Josie at 605-255-4662 or send her a note at [osl@mt-rushmore.net](mailto:osl@mt-rushmore.net) to register.

