



Quiet 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!"

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.

HYMN

"Away in the Manger"

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

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"

SPECIAL MUSIC

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**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Scripture

John 1:1-5

The Empty Chair

Lighting of the First Candle – Remembrance

Lighting of the Second Candle – Losses

Lighting of the Third Candle – Courage

Lighting of the Fourth Candle – Supporters

Lighting of the Center Candle – Jesus, Our Hope

Lighting of Our Candles

**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

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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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 17th, 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****



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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

“Into this Silent Night” by Ann Weems

*Into this silent night
as we make our weary way
we know not where,
just when the night becomes its darkest
and we cannot see our path,
just then is when the angels rush in,
their hands full of stars.*



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 to register.

