



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT  
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm ND  
December 24, 2024 7pm

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION OF LIGHT AND CROSS

CHRISTMAS EVE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY     Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

**HYMN**            **“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1&2)**       **Hymn #283**

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(L) Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

(L) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

(L) Emmanuel, God-with-us,

**(All) we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

(L) Hear the good news and rejoice! Your sins are all forgiven, in Jesus holy name! You are God’s chosen ones, You are a child of God - holy and beloved + forgiven in Christ and freed to respond in joy. Peace, God’s perfect peace is yours through the Word made flesh, Jesus. **Amen.**

**HYMN**            **“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”**       **Hymn # 275**

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING

**WORD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hymn # 279

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1,3,4)*



CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-7

**HYMN**    **“Away In A Manger” ( v. 1)**

**Hymn #277**

CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL

Luke 1: 8-14

**HYMN**    **“Hark the Heral Angels Sing” (v.1)** **Hymn #270**

CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL

Luke 2: 15-20

**CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL**

**Hymn #289**

*“Angels we Have Heard on High” (vs. 1&3)*

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

Pastor Linda

**HYMN**

**“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”**

**Hymn #271**

**“Jeg er so Glad Hver Julekveld”**

*Silence to ponder this Holy Night*

**OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

**OFFERING HYMN**    **“What Child is This?”**

**Hymn #296**

**CHRISTMAS RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

(L) Lord in your mercy (C) **Hear our prayer.**

(L) Gracious God, surround us always in the light of you Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**(All) Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.**

**MEAL**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**HYMN # 283 v.3 “Sing Choirs of Angels”/ “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION- All are welcome!**

**HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

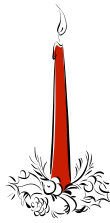
*Hymn # 282*

POST COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE BLESSING & PRAYER

THE GOSPEL OF INCARNATION AND LIGHT

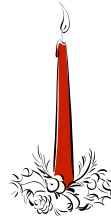
JOHN 1:1-5, 14, 16, John 8:12

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLES**



**CANDLELIGHT HYMN “Silent Night” # 281**

*(Hum until all the candles are lit, then we will sing verses 1-3 and on last verse hold candles high)*



CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER OF LIGHT

## SENDING

CHRISTMAS EVE BLESSING

May the Lord God, who has called you out of darkness to be servants of light, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child.

In the name of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Joy to the World”*

**Hymn # 267**

DISMISSAL (L) Go in peace. Emmanuel, God is with you!

(C) **Thanks be to God.**



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

On this Holy Night, we celebrate Holy Communion in a continuous manner.

All who are baptized and believe God is present in the bread and the wine are welcome to come forward to receive Jesus body and blood, given and shed – **“FOR YOU”!**

We ponder the mystery of this Holy Night, the Word made flesh,

*Emmanuel – “God is with us”!*

***\*Gluten free wafers are available upon request***

***\*Grape juice is available for you- in the middle of the tray - with a sealed pink foil that you will remove.***

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