

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.

BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
The obedience of Joseph,
The joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The determination of the wisemen,
And the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit
Bless you and your family now and always. Amen.

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Spread the news the angels told. Tell the world: Your
Savior is here!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Poinsettias Given For:

Steph and Dave Harvey – In Memory of Bob and Jane Johnson

Carol Hoyt – In Memory of Donald (Pete) and Jamie Hoyt

Wayne and Julie Karlsrud – In Memory of Family

Lyle and Marilyn Mathison – In Memory of Sons, Todd & Kris

Cheryl Luettinger – In Memory of Shirley and Walt Luettinger

Ross and Sandra Bendickson – In Honor of their children,
David and Peter

Jenny Doughty Gabor – In Memory of Jack Gabor

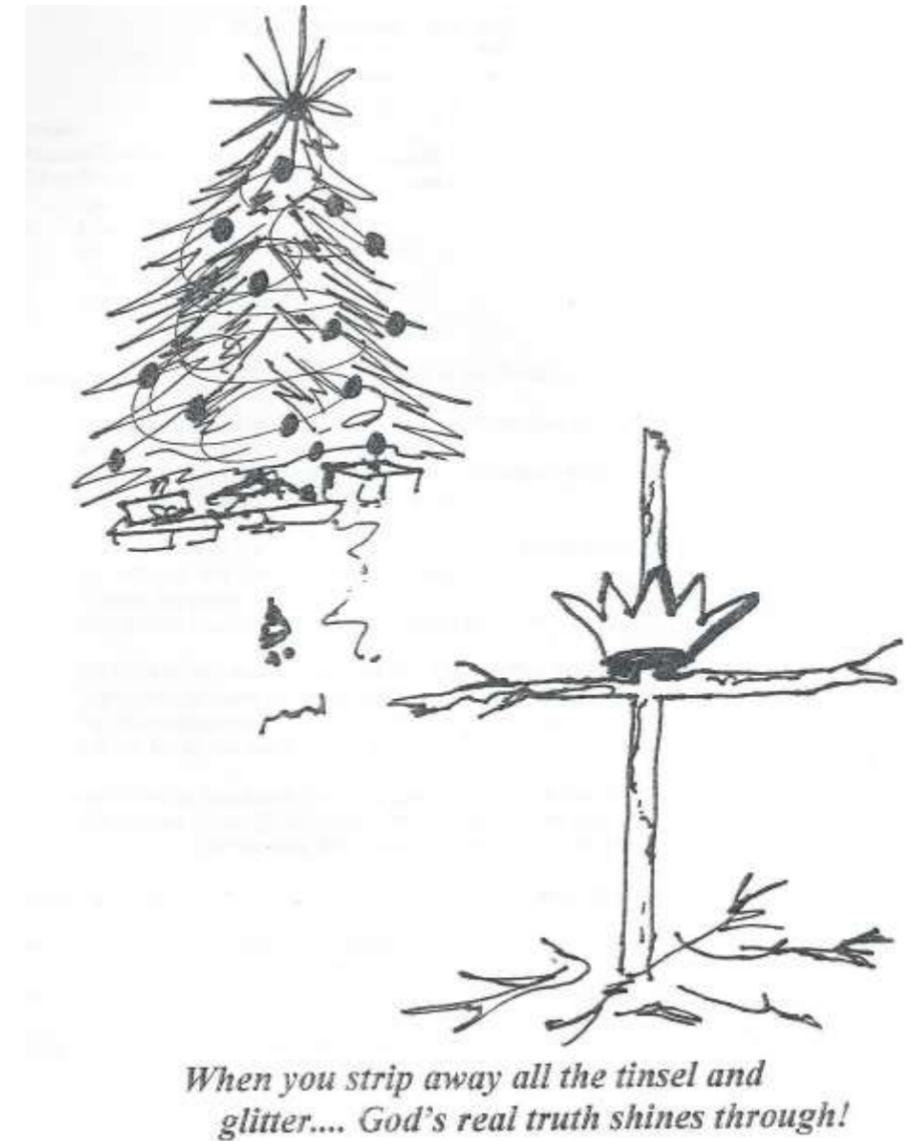
The Chestnuts & Mom (Jeff, Janet and Mona Neumann) –
In Memory of Carl, Bill and Billie

Russ and Steve Johnson Families – In Memory of Lynette Johnson

Jodi Belden and Wade Crecelius – In Honor of Family and Friends

Richard & Gwen Schafer – In Memory of Leah

*You may pick up your Poinsettia anytime after Wednesday, December 27.
The office is closed on Tuesday, December 26.*



**Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2018
First Lutheran Church, ELCA**

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

THE NIGHT PROCLAIMED...

SONG "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #275
Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story; Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

A READING "Christmas Is a Story of Love"

SONG "Love Has Come"
Love has come-a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy asises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

THE PROMISE OF GOD'S WORD

John 1:1-5, 14

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

THE STORY LIFTED UP IN SONG

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

THE BABY Luke 2:1-7

SONG "What Child Is This"
What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE ANGEL Luke 2:8-14

SONG "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:15-20

SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
(Refrain)
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of our newborn savior be with you all.
C: and also with you.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

3:30 Service "Breath of Heaven" Cora Fitterer, Lily Fitterer
5:30 Service "O Holy Night" Mary Gravenish

OFFERING RESPONSE

L: Unto us a child is born.
C: Unto us a son is given.
L: For our world, our time, our needs,
C: Jesus Christ is born.
L: For our wants, our fears, our sins,
C: Jesus Christ is born.
L: For our joy, our peace, our hope,
C: Jesus Christ is born.
L: Glory to God in the highest!
C: Peace to God's people on earth.

COMMUNION SONG

"Away in a Manger" #277 vs. 1
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 on the hay.

GOD'S STORY OF LOVE COME DOWN

"Away in a Manger" #277 vs. 2
The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

GOD'S STORY OF LOVE COME DOWN

"Away in a Manger" #277 vs. 3
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.

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE MEAL

BLESSING

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

SONG "Silent Night" #281
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon 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,
heavenly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!