



2<sup>nd</sup> sunday of advent

December 9, 2018

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Hol den evening prayer

**“THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE”**

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation

Opening Song

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257 vs. 1-4

Holy Baptism

p. 227 ELW

A Candle Lighting Ceremony

**"Lighting Two Candle" Melody: Away in a Manger**

In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light  
 To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.  
 To greenery circled, the faithful draw near  
**And longingly listen, God's message to hear.**

**L: A voice cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord."**

C: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

L: Be ready always, with your lamps lit and your hearts prepared.

C: From Bethlehem shall he come forth who shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.

L: Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.

Two flames, soft and yellow like straw, light as down,  
 Prepared in a manger in Bethlehem town,  
 Now wait for a baby, the King of the earth.  
 Our Savior is coming! Prepare for his birth!

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

C: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

L: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

C: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

L: Be ready always, with your lamps lit and your hearts prepared.

Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care  
 As for your arrival your people prepare.  
 The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,  
 That hearts of all people in faith may ignite.

Silent Meditation

Prayer p. 6

L: The Light shines in the darkness.

C: And the darkness has not overcome it.

The Christmas Story: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Song "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" p. 2

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory "Mary Did You Know?" Expressions

Offering Prayer

Annunciation p. 7

The Magnificat p. 8

## **God's Giving Continues**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Sharing The Meal

A Gift of Song "Breath of Heaven" Mary Gravenish

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song "Joy to the World" #267

Final Blessing p. 9

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**"Joy to the World"**

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Those who Shared Their Time &

Reader: Sandy Bendickson

Communion: Sandy Bendickson, Randi Kirchner, Deb Grimley

Usher: Tom & Karen Heise, Dennis & Marlys Johnson

Greeter: Erin Lichtblau, Caron Lichtblau

Coffee: Val & Rick Janka

Altar: Sandy Anderson, Pris Converse

Sound/Screen: Heath Oeltjen

Video: Randy Zanto