

**Nativity of Our Lord**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**



**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*A blessed Christmas to all.*

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

**Opening Sentences**

A Silent night, holy night,

**C Behold the wonder, born in light.**

A Born a child, yet a king,

**C a promise fulfilled, the angels sing.**

A Sing of love, sing of life,

**C the Prince of Peace shall end all strife.**

*stand as you are able*

**Gathering Hymn**

'O Come, All Ye Faithful'

vs 1-3

**283**

**Greeting**

P The true Light that enlightens everyone has  
come into the world!

God be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine  
with the brightness of the true Light. Grant  
that here on earth we may walk in the light of  
Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the  
brightness of his glory; through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*please be seated*

## **The Everlasting Light**

### ***Prophecy of the Messiah***

Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn – 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming' vs 1 & 2 **272**

### ***Preparing for the Birth of Jesus***

Luke 2:1-5

Hymn – 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' vs 1 & 3 **279**

### ***Birth of Jesus***

Luke 2:6-7

Hymn – 'Away in a Manger' **277**

### ***Angels Announce the Birth to the Shepherds***

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn – 'Angels We Have Heard on High' **289**

## **Meditation**

**Hymn** 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' **270**

*stand as you are able*

## **Christmas Creed**

**C We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
Ruler of the universe, Maker of all we see  
and all we don't see:  
Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus  
Christ, God from God, Light from light,  
true God and true human. He is one with  
the Creator; the Word made flesh, our  
Messiah:**

**Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us. Who is  
one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
our Comforter and our Guide:  
Mentor of all creation! Amen**

**P Christmas Prayer**

**C Amen**

**Peace**      *The people greet one another saying: 'Peace  
be with you'.*

*please be seated*

*offering received and presented*

**Hymn during the Offering**

'It Came upon the Midnight Clear'

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**Offering Prayer**

**A** Generous God,

**C** **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**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**P** Wonderful Counselor!

**C** **Mighty God!**

**P** Everlasting Father!

**C** **Prince of Peace!**

**P** We bless your Name forever!

**C** **Light of Light!**

**P** Lord of Lords!

**C** **King of Kings!**

**P** Emmanuel, God with us!

**C** **We bless your Name forever!**

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator,  
Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our  
essence, be with us now as we join in the  
celebration of your love.

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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*please be seated*

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Communion, this morning, will be by intinction.  
The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side  
and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle  
and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger  
portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the  
challis. Gluten free wafers available by request. Children  
are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe  
Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

### **Hymns at the Distribution**

'What Child is This'	<b>296</b>
'The First Noel'	<b>300</b>
'I Am So Glad'	<b>271</b>

### **Table Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

A Emmanuel, God with us,

**C you grace us with life and breath and give  
us bread for the journey. Send us out in  
service to this world that you love, telling  
the amazing news of your coming to be  
Savior and Lord of all. Amen**

#### **Lighting of the Candles**

P Lord Jesus you are the light that shines in our  
darkness, bring us the light of God's saving  
grace, kindle in our hearts your joy, and bring  
the light of peace to us and to this world.

**C Amen**

*tip only the unlit candle to pass the light*

**Hymn**

'Silent Night, Holy Night'

**C 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, 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**

**P** This precious light of Jesus Christ is for you, for me and for all people. It is our hope and our salvation. May the light of God's love give you hope and purpose in the year ahead and all the days of your life.

**C Amen**

*candles are extinguished – hold candle straight while wax hardens*

*stand as you are able*

**Benediction**

**P** May you glory in the birth of the Son of God, and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Sending Hymn**

'Joy to the World'

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## **Dismissal**

A Glory to God in the highest!

**C Peace to God's people on earth!**

A Go in peace. Your Light has come.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### **Other music:**

Prelude: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

Traditional, arranged by Ethel Tench Roger's

Postlude: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Traditional French Carol, arranged by Paul Mickelson

### **Worship Assistants: December 24**

**Greeters:** Those who attend, greet each other.

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Baumbach

**Lector:** Melissa Krahn

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed

**Accompanist:** Becky Luett

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### ***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## Christmas Display

<b>Name</b>	<b>In Memory/Honor of:</b>
Valerie & Gary Sieg	Helen Smith, Roy Sieg
Carol Patrick	Judy
Mark & Marilyn Caitlin	Loved ones
Joe & Millie Wilharms	Loved ones
Ron & Diane Bailey	
Chuck & Mary Kruckeberg	Loved ones
Joyce Learman	Tony & Parents
Sandy Werth	
Bonnie Planner	William & Adeline Elias
Janice & Melissa Krahn, David Loos	Lee Krahn, Walter & Eleanor Loos, Tony & Eleanor Dillinger
John & Kay Elliott	
Carol Aldinger	Karl & Lori Demmin
Gene & Karen Krull	Melissa Heins
Joyce DeBraal	Jim DeBraal
Kay Oddegaard	

Thank you to all who gave to the Christmas Display!



H.M. Burnside.