



*Gloria to God*  
IN THE HIGHEST

# Candlelight Service



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran  
Church**

12397 Natural Bridge Rd.  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
314-291-2395

**"CHRIST THE LORD  
IS BORN!"**

↓{BE SEATED}↓

Prelude: Chimes - "Angels We Have Heard On High"

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATORY

[♪] OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

[1] Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye, to Beth-lehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

CHORUS

*Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

[2] Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes.

Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing CHORUS

[3] Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exaltation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God \_\_, In \_\_ the \_\_ highest; CHORUS

↑{RISE}↑

[4] Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus to Thee \_\_ be \_\_ glo - ry giv'n!

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore Him (3x), Christ the Lord! AMEN.

INVOCATION: [♪] "A - men"

**CHRISTMAS EVE COLLECT: (in unison)**

O Almighty God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. [♪] "A - men"

↓{BE SEATED}↓

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:2,6-7**

[♪] 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.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

A-MEN.

**EPISTLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: Titus 2:11-14**

**GOSPEL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: Luke 2:1-20 as noted**

Luke 2:1-7

[♪] Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strain.

Organist: Karen Haak

Ushers: Team 4

Communing Elder: Darin Gittus

*Pastor Timothy J. Ostermeyer*

**MAY THE PRINCE OF PEACE,  
CHRIST THE LORD,  
FILL YOUR HEART WITH THE JOY  
OF YOUR SALVATION!**

OPPORTUNITY  
FOR WORSHIP  
THIS CHRISTMAS  
(Still to come!)

**CHRISTMAS DAY!**

**9:45 am - Sing Christmas Hymns**

**10:00 am - Worship [C]**

**"O COME LET US ADORE HIM!"**



**Christ,**  
**the Newborn**  
**KING**

## THE AARONIC BENEDICTION

- Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you, and keep you:  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

All: [♪] "A-men, A-men, A--men!"

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### COMMISSION & RECESSIONAL

After the third verse is sung, ushers will begin to dismiss you from  
your pews.

Members leave singing the following Hymn.

### [♪] **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favored one.  
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity:  
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of peace!

Hail! the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die:  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
AMEN! (*last verse only*)

NOTE: *If the congregation is not recessed completely at the end of the hymn, then repeat it as long as necessary.*

### Refrain

Glo—ri-a in Excelsis De - o!

### Luke 2:8-14

[♪] Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

### Luke 2:15-20

[♪] Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Refrain & A-men!*

↑{RISE}↑

### THE CHRISTMAS CREED - (in unison)

*(Explanation of the 2nd Article of The Apostles' Creed - M. Luther)*  
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from  
eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,  
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased  
and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the  
devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and  
with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and  
live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting  
righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from  
the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true!

↓{BE SEATED}↓

### [♪] HYMN: "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all gracious king  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow  
Look now for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
the prince of peace their King  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.  
AMEN!

### SERMON

## *“Good Will Toward Men!”*

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Choir - *“Rise Up Shepherds and Follow”*

↑{RISE}↑

THE CONFESSION OF SINS: (led by the Pastor)

THE ABSOLUTION - [♪] “A - men!”

### THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

PAX DOMINI - AGNUS DEI

↓{BE SEATED}↓

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We practice ‘close communion’ in accordance with Holy Scripture.  
Therefore, we ask that only those present who are confirmed and  
currently active in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come forward  
to receive the Lord’s Supper this evening. Thank you.*

[Following Hymns are sung by the Congregation until all have communed]

[♪] #387 *“JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME”*

[♪] #361 *“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”*

[♪] #386 *“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”*

[♪] #358 *“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”*

NOTE: After the Pastor has communed, the congregation rises  
and sings Simeon’s Christmas Hymn, the Nunc Dimittis.

↑{RISE}↑

[♪] *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to  
Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. A-men!*

↓{BE SEATED}↓

Choir- *“Angel Lullaby”*

### CANDLELIGHTING PROCEDURE

From the light of the Christ Candle, the PASTOR lights the candles  
of the ASSISTANTS, who in turn, pass the light to the candles of the  
first WORSHIPER in each pew. This continues until all candles are  
lighted. When ALL the candles are lighted, the congregation  
continues with the singing of “SILENT NIGHT.”

### [♪] SILENT NIGHT!

[1] 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.

[2] 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!

[3] Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Amen