

Garfield Lutheran Church, ELCA Lac Qui Parle Lutheran Church, ELCA



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The Nativity of Our Lord, December 24, 2020

5:00 pm Garfield - 6:30 pm Lac qui Parle

A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

INTRODUCTION

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the world.

ORGAN PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence is kept for reflection)

Pastor: God of goodness and loving kindness,

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

DIALOG

Pastor: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Pastor: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

Pastor: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

So that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Pastor: Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy and peace around the world.

Pastor: Let us pray...

FIRST READING	Isaiah 9:2-7	
GOSPEL	Luke 2:1-20	
SERMON		Pastor Bringle
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“Christmas Hallelujah”</i>	Cadence Dove

CHRISTMAS CREED

Pastor: I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.
 Announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to
 free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous
 work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to
 live under him as my King, both now and forever more. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish
 us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace,
 revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMJUNION

Pastor: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you once again have fed us from your very self with the
 body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in
 need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

CANDLE LIGHTING & CEREMONY (Please turn on your tea lights now)

HYMN *“Silent Night”*

(The sanctuary lights are turned on and the individual tea lights are turned off)

BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this night ✠ through the Word made flesh. Amen.

PASTORAL DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Silent Night”

(We leave the sanctuary tonight a little more silently as we reflect on our lives these past few months and how in the midst of it all we can still gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and how His birth has changed our lives.)

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A very Blessed Christmas to all of you from Pastor Bruce, Jennifer, Rachel, and Jacob Bringle and the staff of Garfield and Lac qui Parle Lutheran Churches!

