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**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**December 24, 2022**

**Welcome:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gathering Hymn:**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW 283*

**Prayer of the Day:**

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 wake each morning to the brightness of his glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Word**

**Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Hymn: *The First Noel* ELW 300**

**Reading: Luke 2:1-7**

**Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ELW 272**

**Reading: Luke 2: 8-14**



**Choir:** *My Heart, Your Bethlehem*

**Reading:** Luke 2:15-20

**Message:** *Vicar Bethan*

**Hymn:** *Joy to the World ELW 267*

**Apostle's Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession:**

*Response to "God of Grace:" **Hear Our Prayer***

**Meal**

**Offertory Hymn:** *Away in a Manger ELW 277*

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**Vocalist During Distribution:** *Daphne Clarke*

**Service of the Light**

The God who said: Let there be light, has caused light to shine in our hearts.

**That light is the glory of God reflected in the face of Jesus Christ.**

As our candles are a sea of light lit from the light of Christ, so may the church reflect Christ's light and love in the world.

**Lighting of the Candles:**

*Candles are lit, church lights are dimmed, a moment of silence is observed.*

**Hymn:** *Silent Night, Holy Night ELW 281*

**Benediction Blessing:**

**Sending Hymn:** *Go Tell it On the Mountain ELW 290*

**Dismissal:** Go Out With Joy to the World, Serve in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RECORDING AND GREETING for 2022:**

from Bishop Michael and Pastors Christie, Doug and Adam.

Mortimer's Christmas Manger (written by Karma Wilson) was heard before at Faith. You can watch this recording on [ELCIC.ca/resource](http://ELCIC.ca/resource) library and it is also available on the ELCIC YouTube channel. It is appropriate for all ages!

**SEWING GROUP SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR CLWR:**

A very big "thank you" for the amazing and generous support of our congregation and friends. Over \$1435.00 was raised for CLWR from the sale of approximately 55 blankets.

Thank you and a very Merry Christmas from the Sewing Group.

**TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:**

Otto Philipp

Grace Mueller

Gladys Souliere

Stephen Kovacs

Patty Davis

Eberhard Poelzl

Dave Souliere

David Neumann

Jennifer Cherewka

Maya James

Joan and Jackie

Luke Splettstoesser

Miranda

Marlene Sams and Ruby