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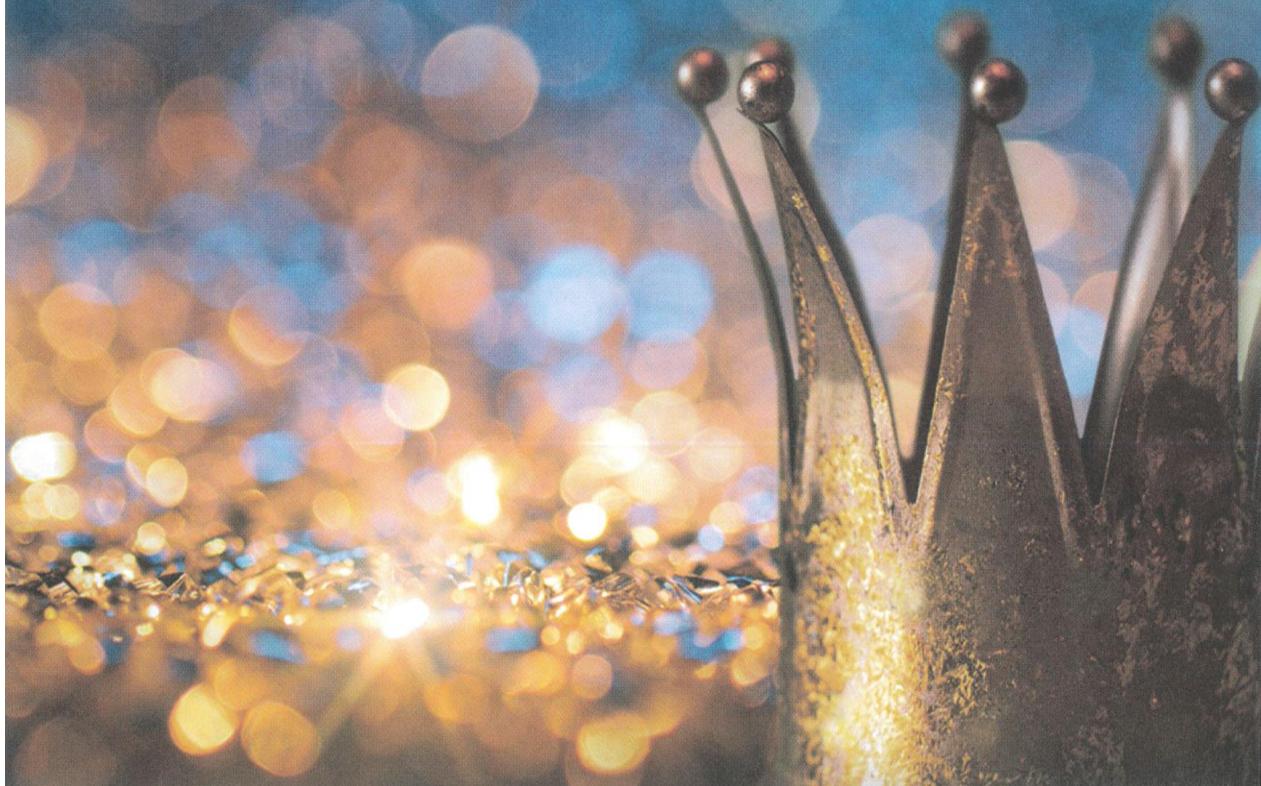
unto us a son is given: and the government

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**Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church
CHRISTMAS EVE, 2019**

**Regular Weekend
Worship**

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 7:45 & 9:30- 11:00 a.m. begins January 10th
(Christmas Day – NO SERVICE)

Sunday School:

Sunday, 10:20 a.m.

Nursery:

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Staff: Pastor William Timm

Organist & Choir Director: Shirley Ehler

Pianists: Jean Abel, Sue Bridie, Marie Ritten

Bells of Glory: Kay Lee Grunst

Acolytes: Aiden Harwood, Luke & Logan Johnson

ChristCare Equippers:

Pastor Timm

ChristCare Group Leaders:

Doreen Caldwell, Cheryl Preul & Bev Gedde

GriefShare Group Leaders:

Ted & Niki Duffy

Mary Marsh

Andrew & Mike Rosenberg

Roger & Jackie Tracey

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Michelle Cegon

Mike Rosenberg

Pastor Timm

Office Staff:

Kate Harwood, Secretary

Isaac Timm, Nursery

Brennen Harwood, A/V Technician

CPA Financial Advantage, Payroll

We are a Stephen Ministry & ChristCare Congregation

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

CELL PHONES – Be sure that your cell phone ringer is turned off during worship. Thank You!

RESTROOMS – Can be found on either side of the Narthex. Ladies on the left and Gentlemen on the right as you leave the sanctuary.

HEARING –Hearing devices are available at the sound booth. The wheel at the top of the device adjusts the volume. When turned on, the light on top should be green. If it is red, please place the device in the basket on the counter in the sound booth and take another.

NURSERY – Is available on Christmas Eve should you need it during the 2,4 & 6 p.m. worship services. The nursery is located next to the church office to your right as you leave the church.

This is your bulletin to take home or share with a friend or neighbor.

Prelude

Welcome

Call To Worship -- congregation

P Come, let us worship the God that comes to us.

C **We praise Emmanuel, God with us!**

P Let us sing with joy for God is saving us.

C **We rejoice in the saving grace of our God!**

P Let us wonder that God is in flesh.

C **In awe we ponder the mystery of the incarnation!**

P We begin our worship in the name of God, our creator, Jesus, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our comforter. Let us pray.

C **O God, you have answered our prayers and through the gift of your Son you have given us a Savior. O Lord, lead us to share this most wonderful gift with all the world; through your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Carol:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and adore Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest (Chorus)

Verse 3

Savior, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol:

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Verse 1

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 2

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ is born for this!

He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ is born for this!
Christ is born for this!

Verse 3

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ is born to save!
Christ is born to save!

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

Verse 3

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Immanuel

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bells of Glory: (2 pm)

"I Wonder As I Wander"

Choir Anthem: (4 & 6 pm)

"O Holy Night/Hallelujah Chorus"

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7 *Mary gives birth to a son, born in a manger.*

Carol: "Away In a Manger"

Verse 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there

Fifth Reading:

Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger

Carol:

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song?
(Chorus)

Chorus:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
(Chorus)

Sixth Reading:

Matthew 2:1-11

The Wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol:

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him, God on high. (Chorus)

Chorus:

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. (Chorus)

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign (Chorus)

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia, alleluia!
Earth to heav’n replies. (Chorus)

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Teaching

"GOD'S MESSAGE TO YOU!"

Pastor Bill Timm

Carol:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Verse 1

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 hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail, th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n 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!

Christmas Prayer

C **Shepherding God, the gift of your son is an interruption of the world's business as usual. Strike wonder in us once again as we behold your glory in the form of a newborn who gives us life, and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Offering (8 pm)

"O Holy Night"

Offertory

(Tune: What Child is This?)

C So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Supper is open to all baptized believers who trust in Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. We believe that with the bread and wine we receive the body and blood of Christ, along with the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. You will receive the wafer, and choose from an individual glass with wine or white grape juice.

Please fill out a communion slip found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate or give it to the ushers.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Distribution **The Body of Christ given for you!**
 The Blood of Christ shed for you!

Distribution Carols:

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

"The First Noel"

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say was to
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

(Chorus)

Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

(Chorus)

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

(Chorus)

Verse 6

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of
naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought!
(Chorus)

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Verse 1

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 heaven's all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And 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!

Verse 4

For lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C** **Amen.**

Ushers & Greeters come forward and light their candles off the Christ candle and proceed to light the candles of the first person in each row. (Second person in will tip their candle to carefully light from the first person, etc. and on down the pew). Caution: Be careful that the candle doesn't come in contact with anyone or anything while it is burning.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

Verse 3

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.

Candles are extinguished. Please drop your candles in the box indicated as you exit from the church.

Closing Carol:

“The Bells of Christmas”

Verse 1

The bells of Christmas chime once more;
The heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
With new year gifts of peace, good will

Verse 2

This world, though wide and far outspread,
Could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall,
No pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.

Verse 3

Now let us go with quiet mind,
The swaddled babe with shepherds find,
To gaze on him who gladdens them,
The loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.

Verse 4

Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,
To keep our Christmas with our king,
Until our song, from loving souls,
Like rushing mighty water rolls!

Verse 5

O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
Great David's Son, great David's Lord:

Verse 6

Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
And keep your Christmas in our breast;
Then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
Shall swell our jubilee of song.

Benediction

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, and eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace.

C **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude

A Prayer Before Opening Gifts

God, you have given us so many gifts – life and love and family! We thank you for these gifts, And today, we thank you especially for the gift of Jesus; For his life and teachings and for the way he taught us to love. Help us to remember that the gifts we give each other are reminders of your great gifts to us. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants: Jane Todd, Lynette Layton, Char Schomisch, Jerry & Penny Scheflo, Doreen Caldwell, Mary Marsh, Cheryl Preul, Michelle Cegon; Dave & Nancy Griffiths.

Contact Persons for programs available to anyone interested:

Bible Study/New Member Class/GriefShare

Women of GDC

Glorious Quilters

Worship Coordinator & Program Facilitator

Choir

Bells of Glory

Stephen Ministry

ChristCare Groups

Pastor Timm

Donna Brown

Dyanne Radke

Kay Lee Grunst

Please make a right turn out of the driveway onto 40th Street! Left turns will hold up traffic and cause people to lose any religious good that happened in the last hour!



Many thanks to those who purchased a Pointsettia to adorn the Altar this day.
 You are welcome to pick up your plant after the 8 pm service or on Thursday.

Name	Honor of	Memory of
Shirley & Paul Ehler		John Ehler
Shirley & Paul Ehler		Paul & Vera Ehler; Johnny & Mary Watson
Jane Todd		All who have passed away this year
Dennis & Linda Kasin		Parents
Donna Brown		Fred Brown
Jim & Barbara Moore		Parents; Gaye & Lew Small & Grace & Oscar Karls
Char Schomisch	Children and Grandchildren	
Tom & KayLee Grunst		Our Parents
Neil & Joan Ausman		Our Parents
Carolyn Wertman		Verne Wertman
Wayne Schuette		Diana Schuette
Doreen Caldwell		Bob and Family
Terry & Judy Mann		
David Hanke		Marlus Hanke
Lynette Layton		Frank
Chris & Jerry Randby	Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren	
Patty King	My 3 great grandchildren	
Dave & Nancy Griffiths		David & Mildred Griffiths; Clyde & Lois Florey
Jan & Dennis Klipfel		All loved ones
Jerry Taylor		Daughter, Jennie
Dave & Marge Graham		Parents
Ed & Jennifer Akridge	Family	
Gary Harris		Mia
Mary Marsh		Forrest
Cheryl Preul		Bob
Penny & Jerry Scheflo		Janzen Peterson
Jim & Margie Hollandsworth	Our 50 th Anniversary	

