



*Ye shall find the babe  
wrapped in swaddling clothes.*  
Luke 2:12





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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2025

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**A Special Message to First-Time Visitors**

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall.

If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher. We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

At the beginning of the service, the ushers distribute red pads for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when offering is taken. Pastor Mike will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us.

Your presence today is a blessing. May our collective worship be acceptable and pleasing to God, our Father.

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**Living Word Lutheran Church  
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**December 24, 2025**

**Pastor Eric Lundberg**

**LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal**

**Welcome and Prayer**

**Prelude**

**“Gesu Bambino”**

**arr. Melody Bober**

**Hymn:** *(please stand)*

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**LBW 45**

**Verse 1**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the king of angels: **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: **(Refrain)**

**Verse 2**

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **(Refrain)**

**Verse 4**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **(Refrain)**

**Refrain**

Oh come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**Pastor:**

*“The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

**Congregation: “And also with you.”**

*(Please be seated)*

**Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

**LBW 39**

**Verse 1**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry 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 3**

No more let sin and sorrows 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 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 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.

**Isaiah 9:2-7** (English Standard Version)

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.  
<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Micah 5:2-5a** (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength  
of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

**“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

**LBW 50**

**Verse 1**

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation’s story;  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth: (Refrain)

**Verse 2**

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o’er you flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light. (Refrain)

**Verse 3**

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations,  
You have seen his natal star.

**Verse 4**

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.

**Refrain**

Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

## Children's Time

*As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.*

## Hymn

## "Away in A Manger"

LBW 67

## Verse 1

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

## Verse 2

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

## Verse 3

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

*(Please stand for the gospel reading)*

**The Gospel reading is from Matthew 1:18-25** *(English Standard Version)*

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his

name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

(R: Gospel of the Lord) C: Praise to you O Christ

## Christmas Message

Pastor Eric Lundberg

## Offertory

## "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

arr. M. Bober

## Christmas Offering

As offering is brought forward, congregation stands and sings.

### "A Nativity Prayer"



TEXT: Phillips Brooks

MUSIC: William David Young

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## Prayers of the Church

### The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Pastor:** "Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World; those who follow Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

### Please Light Your Candle

**Pastor:** "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

**Special Music CD** (Please be seated)

**"O Holy Night"**

**sung by Josh Groban**

**A Recitation of John 1:1-5; 9-14**

**Pastor**

## Hymn

### 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.

## "Silent Night"

### Verse 2

Silent Night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

**LBW 65**

### Verse 3 (a cappella)

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.

**Benediction (Pastor)**

**“Doxology”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**(Women)** Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plain.  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

**(All) (Refrain): *Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.***

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

**(All)** Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the LORD, the newborn King. **Refrain**

**P:** Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Please ‘Extinguish’ Candles**

**After worship, please return the candles to the baskets as you leave. Thank you.**

**Postlude**

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen, Choir Director: Dan Owen

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***May the True Blessings of Christ and Christmas Go with You!***

***The office will be closed on Dec 25th, 26th and will reopen Dec 29th – Dec 31st  
then closed Jan 1st, 2026***

**Today’s Worship Assistants**

**Usher-** Lena Duggan; **Acolyte-** Delilah Harvey; **Security-** Duane Claiborne; **Sound System-** Ron Johnson  
**Pianist-** Mary Kaye Owen **Choir Director-** Dan Owen