

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

4:00 p.m. In-person and Livestream Worship

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*Silent Night O Holy Night*



**Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Invite • Prepare • Go into the World**

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**      *The Sussex Carol*  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
*El Desembre Congelat*  
*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*                      -T. Keesecker

*\*Please silence all phones and pagers as we begin worship.\**

### **WELCOME**

*Please turn and face the Processional Cross*

The people who walked In darkness have seen a great light.

**Those who live in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

For a child has been born for us,

**And his name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.**

This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in cloth, lying in a manger.

**Come, let us adore him!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                      #283

*All children are invited to join the Procession,  
carrying a figurine to place in the Crèche.*

### **\*GREETING AND PEACE**

May the good news of great joy, grace, and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Peace is shared*

*\* Please Stand As You Are Able*

## **\*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 in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**                      *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*A reading from Isaiah*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
    on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
    and all the garments rolled in blood  
    shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
    a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
    and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to god.**

**Second reading**                      *Titus 3:4-7*

*A reading from Titus*

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water<sup>[a]</sup> of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to god.**

**\*GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      #289

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:1-20*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#289

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

3. **Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Joy to the World!*

# 267

**PRAYERS**

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us pray for all people according to their needs. Come, Lord Jesus; **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, as we await the presence of your Son, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Hodie, Veni, Christe*

*-C. Nygard*

*Offering gifts can also be gratefully received  
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love, inspire us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

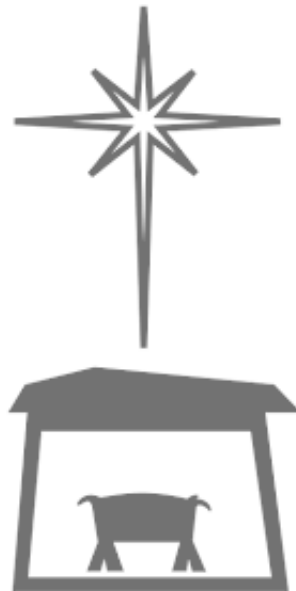
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **\*PROPER PREFACE**

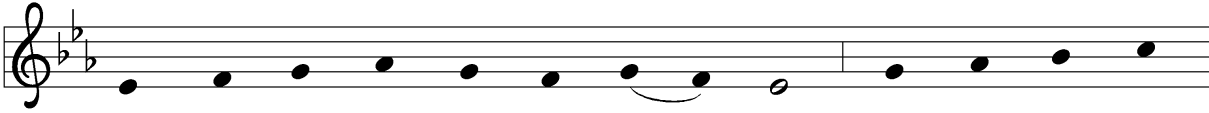
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



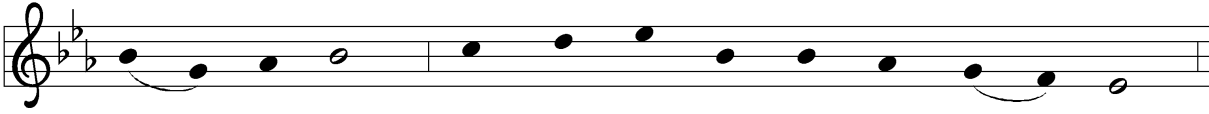
**\*SANCTUS**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten, verses 1, 4, 5*

# 295



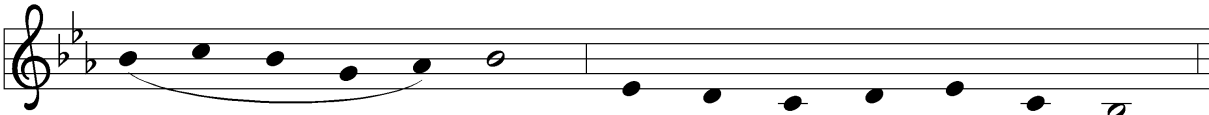
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**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**

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.*

*~Come forward by the center aisle.*

*~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.*

*~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.*

*~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.*

## **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

*Away in a Manger*

*# 277*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*# 282*



## SENDING

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray;

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love, made known to us in the gift of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **\*CANDLE LIGHTING**

*~The pastor gives light to the Acolytes who then share it with the congregation.*

*~The lighted candle is always held upright when giving light to another person.*

*~Please be mindful of children, guiding them to carefully hold the lighted candle upright at all times to prevent the spilling of hot wax.*

*The lights are dimmed. When all candles are lit, the following is read:*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (*John 1:1-5, 14*)

### **\*HYMN**

*Silent Night*

#281

**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  
Glory streams from heaven afar  
Heavenly 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**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please face the Processional Cross*

May the Child in the Manger be your guide and strength;  
May you leave with God's † peace and the good news of this great joy;  
May Christ be your light, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go into the night, praising God for all you have seen and heard!  
**Christ the Savior is born!**

*(Candles are extinguished.)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

*-R. Pearsall*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister .....	Joanne Scanlon
Crucifer .....	Graham Lazenby
Acolytes .....	Laura Bell, Connor Rose
Book Bearer .....	Addie Smith
Livestream Recorder.....	Dave Irish
Usher .....	Tom Thompson
Altar Care .....	Judy Lazenby

## GUEST MUSICIANS

*We offer special thanks to our guest musicians  
Debbie Parker, flute; Jonathon Sengupta, tenor;  
Kristen Shiner McGuire, marimba, and Esther Rogers, cello,  
for sharing their gift of music with us this evening.*

*The Carol and John Condemi Gift of Music Fund has generously  
provided for their participation in this evening's worship service*



**The Poinsettias Decorating the Sanctuary**  
**Are Given By:**

*Phyllis Fleming*

... in memory of Laura & Fran Fleming

*Norm & Judy Karsten*

... in honor of their children and grandchildren

*Jean Seager*

... in memory of the Zimmer Family and the Seager Family

*Pastor Gail and Pastor Craig Swanson*

... in honor of their congregations

*Judy Lazenby*

... in memory of Gary

... in honor of Jack, Aidan, Melinda, Olivia, Hudson, and Graham

*Betty Middlebrook*

... in memory of George Middlebrook

... in honor of Nancy and George

*Lin and John Macholz*

... in honor of Barb and Zach and their grandchildren

*Dick Browne*

... in memory of his wife, Betty, and his brother, Peter Browne



# O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

## *Refrain*



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

# Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



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*Welcome to worship,*

*and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today.  
If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation  
or learning more about our ministries, please speak to our Pastor.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:  
**Invite** all people into the presence of the living God,  
**Prepare** for ministry in daily life and  
**Go** into the world as disciples*

Our Church Nursery is available for parents  
to use with their children.

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*Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera, tap on the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to Atonement's giving website. If your phone doesn't automatically scan the code, you may need to download a QR code reader app. Many are available for free in the Google Play or Apple App store. Please contact Lindee Krapf if you have any questions.*



Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"...and she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger."*

Luke 2:7

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