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* CANDLELIGHT SERVICE *



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Thomas R. Boeck

Rev. Seth DeBartolo – Guest Minister

In-person worship with social distancing in place.

Limited seating ▪ Please wear a mask

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Saturday Worship will begin January 9, 2021 at 5:00p.m.

STREAMING each Sunday on **marcolutheran.org**

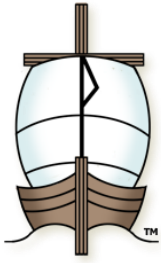
MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION: www.mlcflegacy.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ▪ Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ✠ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

PRELUDE

Choral Overture
RESOUND (4:00 PM)
Lucille Gaita

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **and illumine Your Church.**

SOLO

O Holy Night

Craig Greusel

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in the wondrous events of our Savior's birth, You have fulfilled the promise You made through the prophets and delivered to us Your own Son as our Savior and Lord. Help us to meet Christ in the manger of His Word and worship Him with joy and thanksgiving. Help us to carry the wonder of this night and keep the song of the angels at His birth in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit we honor one Lord, one God, now and to the end of the ages.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING GENESIS 3: 8-15, 17-19

Pastor Seth DeBartolo

MEDITATION

Pastor Seth DeBartolo

HYMN

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joyce! Re - joyce!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

SECOND READING

GENESIS 22: 15-18

Nancy Kot-Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

MEDITATION

Pastor Seth DeBartolo

HYMN

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
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Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

THIRD READING

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

Pastor John Roth-Thrive Community Church

MEDITATION

Pastor Seth DeBartolo

FOURTH READING

ISAIAH 11:1-4

Mark Eisold-Pelican Lutheran Church

MEDITATION

Pastor Seth DeBartolo

HYMN**361 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

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FIFTH READING

LUKE 1: 26-35, 38

Krista Young- LCMS Missions – Eastern Africa

SPECIAL MUSIC-

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Lucille Gaita

SIXTH READING

LUKE 2: 1-7

Rev. Gary Schuschke-Trinity Lutheran Church, Frankfurt

MEDITATION

Pastor Seth DeBartolo



HYMN**364 Away in a Manger**

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (4:00 PM Only)**SEVENTH LESSON****LUKE 2: 8-18****Pastor Seth DeBartolo****MEDITATION****Pastor Seth DeBartolo**

HYMN**388 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,

2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.

Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

EIGHTH LESSON**MATTHEW 2: 1-11****Karl Glander-Amigos En Cristo****MEDITATION****Pastor Seth DeBartolo****SPECIAL MUSIC****Good, Good News****Lucille Gaita 4:00 PM****RESOUND 6:00 & 8:00 PM****NINTH LESSON****JOHN 1: 1-14****Pastor Seth DeBartolo****MEDITATION****Pastor Seth DeBartolo**

HYMN

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Refrain
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray:
Merciful Father, we have lived through a time of great uncertainty and fear and now come again into Your presence on this most holy of nights. Deliver us from all epidemics, from the perils of war and violence, and from the loss of job and home. Open our hearts to receive with faith the joy of our Savior's coming and to trust in His salvation. Give to those most in need the courage and patience to await Your deliverance, and give to us kind and generous hearts that we share Your gifts with those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O loving God, we give You thanks that Mary heard Your Word and pondered it in her heart and that Joseph served Your Son so faithfully. Bless husbands, wives, parents, children, and all families. Help us to ponder Your Word in our

hearts and to live it out that our homes be places of blessing and peace. Accept our songs of praise and the tithes and offerings we bring in response to Your mercy and as signs of our gratitude and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

People: **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.**

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: **We confess that we have sinned against You and against one another. We are sincerely sorry for all we have done wrong and ask Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive us. Give us the will and desire to change our sinful lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may delight in doing Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING & PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES 1 John 1:5–7; Matthew 5:14–16

Pastor: As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it symbolizes the light of Christ, the Child in the manger at Bethlehem, the Savior suffering our death on the cross and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our light here on earth and the eternal light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice, for the Light of the world has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His glory.

You are the light of the world. So, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

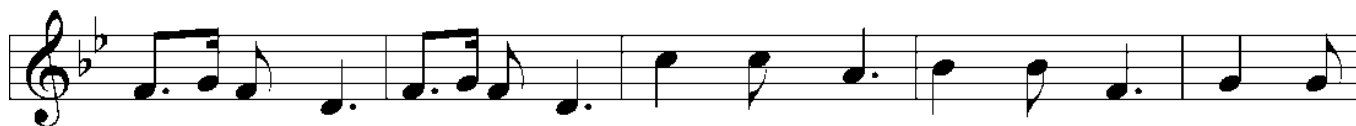
Let us pray:

O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may we with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

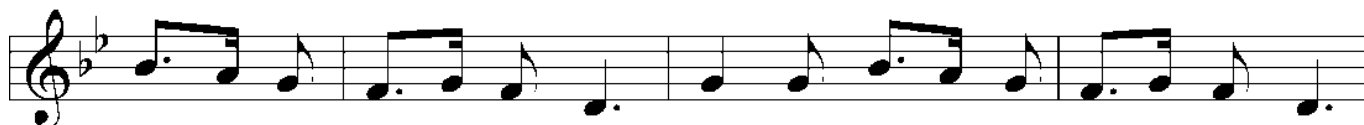
People: Amen.

HYMN

363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,
stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen!

**Please extinguish your candles and Exit in silence.
Please wait for your row to be excused by an usher.**

	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:00 PM
LAY MINISTER	JEAN RISTOW	JUDY KARLIN	JIM SHAW
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