



## Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Marys, OH 45885

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

#### Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	arr. Bish
Once In David's Royal City	arr. Whipple
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	arr. Paxton
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	arr: Thygerson
The Sussex Carol	arr: Lau
Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child	arr: Smith
What Shall I Give To The Child in the Manger	arr: Wagner
O Holy Child of Bethlehem	arr: Wagner
In The Bleak Midwinter	arr: Wagner

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup>And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

## Processional Hymn & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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### Christmas Litany *(Remain Standing)*

P: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

**C: and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

P: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,

**C: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding**

P: the Spirit of counsel and might,

**C: the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

P: And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

**C: In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time**

P: to recover the remnant that remains of his people...

### Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray...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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Psalm 110:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>2</sup>The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of  
Zion, saying, "Rule over your enemies round about  
you."

<sup>3</sup>Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth;  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew  
from the womb of the morning."

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn and he will not recant:  
"You are a priest forever after the order of  
Melchizedek."

## Second Reading 1 John 4:7-16

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and  
whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because  
God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest

among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that  
we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have

loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the  
propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we

also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God;  
if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is

perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and  
he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we

have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be  
the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is

the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we

have come to know and to believe the love that God has for  
us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God,  
and God abides in him.

## Gospel

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>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.

Sermon

Pastor Bill

Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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Confession

*(Please Stand)*

P: Behold, the miracle born in human flesh, let us approach the God of grace to confess our human sin and weakness (*stand or kneel*):

**C: we confess: that we have wandered away from your presence into darkness, sought other gods, treated others poorly, stood by in apathy, failed to stand for justice, and refused to extend mercy and grace to others. Forgive us our sins O Lord. Increase our faith in you and redirect us to loving you and loving our neighbors in thought, word and deed.**

P: Behold! You are not to remain in darkness. Out of mercy for us and for the world, Jesus - the light of the world - is born of flesh and blood to bear all of our sins on the cross so that we might have forgiveness, wholeness and life now and forever. Rejoice, in the name of Jesus your sins are forgiven.

**Offering** 7:00, Zion Choir *The First Noel* arr. Forrest  
11:00, *One Small Child* by Meese  
Sung by: Diane Uhlenhake & Nicole Carpenter

**Offertory Response** "Glory to you, God" (stand)



## **Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us...

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

*(sit)*

### **The Whole Meal**

Body of Christ given for you.

Blood of Christ shed for you.

### **Communion Hymns**

*"It Came upon a Midnight Clear"* #282

*"Away in a Manager"* #277

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* #295

*"The First Noel"* #300

### **Post Communion Blessing (stand)**

## **Lighting of the Candles**

*Pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle and then he will light the Usher's candles. The Ushers will share their candle's flame with the congregation, pew by pew, and in the balcony. The candles remind us that Jesus - the light of the world - overcomes the darkness in it.*

*The candles will remain lit through the singing of "Silent Night". Please be careful with the candles to avoid dripping wax onto clothes, pews and the floor. Parents please decide whether or not your child is old enough to hold a candle. Sharing a candle with them can also be extremely meaningful.*

**Hymn**                      *"Silent Night, Holy Night!"*                      #281

## **Moment of Silence**

### **Blessing**

P: May the light of the world illumine your path and your life forever. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Recessional Hymn**              *"Joy to the World"*                      #267

### **Sending**

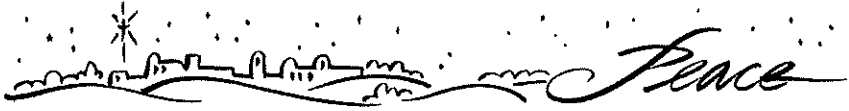
P: Go in peace!

**C: The savior is born!**

**Postlude**                      *Postlude on "Gloria"*                      arr. Payne  
*Vieuz Noel*      Franck, edited by Godding

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*A shepherd & stable animals have been added to the Willow Tree Nativity Set given in memory of Jack Rouhier and in honor of Jo Rouhier by Bill Kellermeyer.*



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