

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

December 24, 2008

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles *John and Sandy Kopanski (5:00 p.m.)*
David, Lisa, Ryan, and Christina Nelms (10:00 p.m.)

Call to Worship Psalm 118

Leader: *O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;*

People: ***His steadfast love endures forever!***

Leader: *The LORD is my strength and my might;*
He has become my salvation.

People: ***His steadfast love endures forever!***

Leader: *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds*
of the LORD.

People: ***His steadfast love endures forever!***

Leader: *Open to us the gates of righteousness,*

People: ***that we may enter through and give thanks to the LORD.***

Leader: *This is the day that the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: ***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.***
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

All: ***O give thanks to the LORD, let us Worship our Lord God!***

Opening Hymn **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** # 180

Prayer of Praise and Adoration (In Unison)

Good and gracious God, on this Holy night You gave Your son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of Your Love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing Your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the One for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Responsive Hymn **“O Holy Night”** # 187

Scripture Lesson The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

Responsive Hymn “What Child Is This” # 184

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God’s People (*by intinction*)

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Hymn

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

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! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing “Allelulia
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born.”

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.

*** Please extinguish the candles after the closing hymn and place them in the baskets in the vestibule.*

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our
words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship,
fellowship and Christian education,
To serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*