

All Saints' Episcopal Church
An Open-hearted, Open-minded Parish of the
Diocese of East Carolina

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
A Mission Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Festival Christmas Eve Service ***Friday, December 24th, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.***

*We welcome all who may be visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. We are glad that you are here and pray that you encounter the Holy Spirit in this sacred gathering. Throughout this service, the people's parts are indicated in **bold italic font**. All are invited to stand at places marked by an asterisk. **

Welcome

***Processional**

***Hymn 83: Vs 1,2,3,6**

O Come, all Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Celebrant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People ***Amen.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

***Collect for the Day**

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of the coming day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)

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. 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.

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

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.

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.

People

Thanks be to God

***Hymn 78: Vs 1,2,3,5**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

A Reading from the Book of Titus (2:11-14)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence Hymn 100**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

***The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our hearts this Christmas Eve saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the believing community throughout the world, especially those in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and to bring peace to our earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the church gathered in this place, that we might always bear the good news of God's living presence in our world, towards deepening of Christmas faith and living that faith in love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war; and for all our brothers and sisters in any need, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts this night, let us pray

to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the sick and the dying among us, and for those who care for them, that the God whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross might bless them this night with the gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all in need, including: Tom, Dick and Holly, Andrew, Kathy, Julia, Fran, Ted, Suzanne, Grady, Bunny, Norman, David, Austin, Luke, Nancy, Robin, Deb, Carole, Dan, Sue, Diana and Jeff, John, Etta, Bob, Joe, Torie, Betsy, Mary Anne, Dick and Miriam, Jim, Phyllis, Joan, Kim, Ed and Carol, Marcia, Shirley and Charlie, Jeanne, Glen, Anthony and Pat. Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the homeless, and for the children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all of God's people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our companions in ministry, especially this night for Pastor Keith and the lay people of Emmanuel Lutheran, and for all who minister in our church, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your son. Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our need before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. Amen.

Confession Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,***

*and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Peace	<i>Celebrant</i>	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
	<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Hymn 104	<i>A Stable Lamp is Lighted</i>	ANDUJAR
	Verse 1, 2, 3, Choir Only Verse 4 All	

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.”
(1 Chronicles 29:14)

*The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
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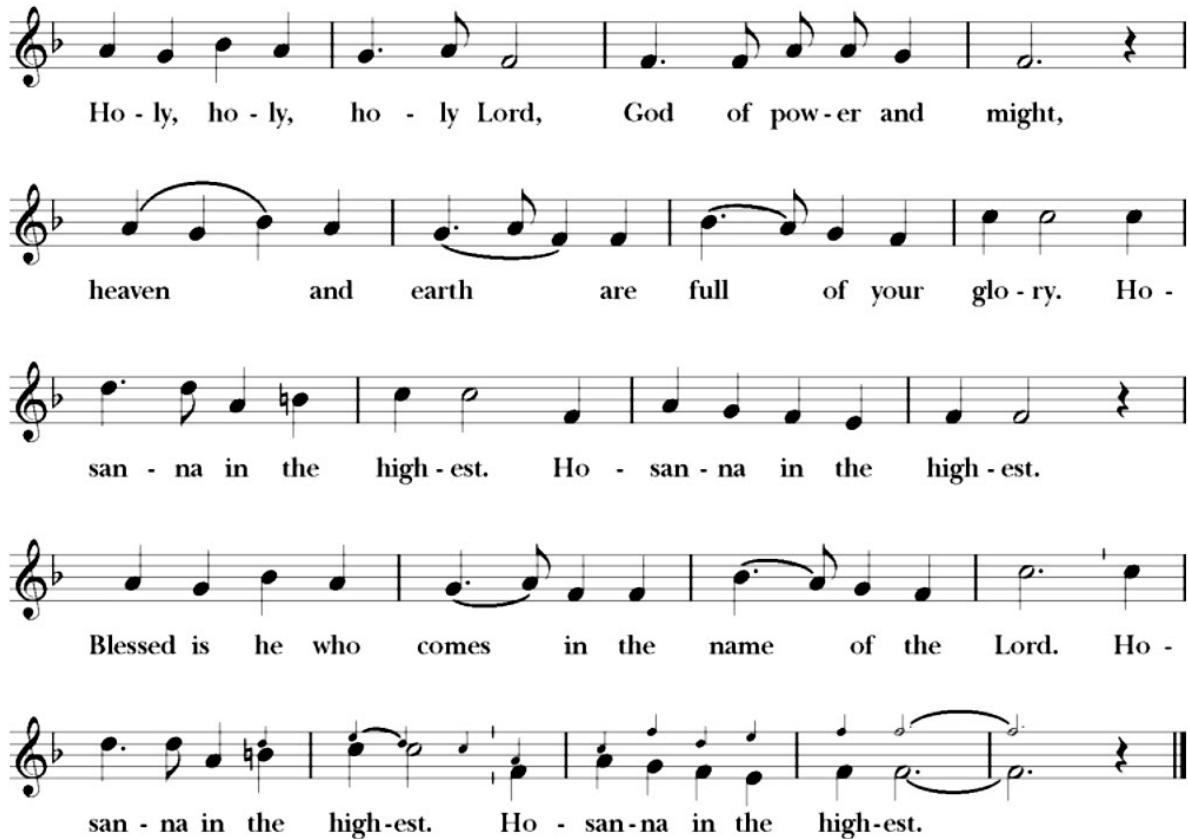
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

***In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.***

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread



This is the Lord's Table. We welcome all who know or seek to know Christ and who wish to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from a server. We invite parishioners to come forward as they are able and willing, at an usher's direction, to the front of the altar to receive communion bread or a blessing. Please wear masks and maintain reasonable distancing between others. When approaching the server, please extend arms, palms open. The server will drop a bread wafer into the palm of the worshiper's hand. If desiring a blessing, please cross arms across shoulders or note "blessing, please." Worshipers with mobility issues are asked to alert an usher if needing communion to be brought to them.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

***Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. ***Amen.***

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. ***Amen.***

And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

***Lighting of Candles and Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

**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 alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from the holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Let us depart this holy place in silence, full of the light of the infant King, and abiding in heavenly peace. Merry Christmas to you and to the world!!!

Those Who Serve

The Reverend Keith Dey, Celebrant The Reverend Cindy Simpson, Homilist
Steve Blackstock, Organist and Choirmaster
Greeter: Maureen McGrath - Ushers: Jack Myers & Kenny Murrill - LEM: Carol Vipavetz
Lector: Nancy Atkinson - Sound and Facebook Live: Charlie Andrews

Christmas Poinsettias are Given By:

Tom O'Brien in loving memory of Kay O'Brien and in thanksgiving for Family

Tess Judge in loving memory of Warren C Judge III and in thanksgiving for Monty, Mike, Mary
& Mark Dixon

Suzanne Utley in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. BJ Utley and Mr. & Mrs. V.E Davis

Ruthie Charlton in loving memory of all loved ones in Heaven

Paula Myatt in loving memory of David Myatt

Nick and Dawn Kiouis in loving memory of Perry Kiouis, Grace & Bob Powers and Wayne &
Mable Keller

Larry & Linnea Morrow in loving memory of Robert Nelson, Pat Nelson and Carl Morrow

John Gualtieri & Maureen McGrath in thanksgiving for our friends and family

Hilary Klein in loving memory of Daniel E Klein Jr. and in thanksgiving for her children and
grandchildren.

Dale Draper in loving memory of Mary Draper

Charles & Jeanne Coppage in loving memory James & Eleane Overstreet and W.F & Mary
Coppage

Carole & Gray Kimmel in loving memory of Ernest & Sunbeam Davis and Ada & Fred Kimmel

Carol Sparks in loving memory of Francis & Gertrude Rogallo (from their children), and Phillip
Samuels, and in honor of Norman Sparks.

Brewster & Betsy Brown in loving memory of Susan McKenna, and in thanksgiving for Caitlin
& Madison, Andrew & Asher

Betsy Robbins in loving memory of Jo Utley & Don Peters

Arline and Fred Arnold in loving memory of Maddie Hsu, and in honor for Rebecca and Hannah Hsu.

The Loves and Brights in loving memory of Charmian Carter & Ada M. Bright and Thanksgiving for Tatum Love

Announcements

The parish office will be closed on Dec. 27 & 28. Rev. Cindy will be away late Dec. 26 - 28. For emergency pastoral care please contact Fr. Tom Wilson at 252-599-0752.

Children's Godly Play classes resume January 9, 2022 at the 10:30AM hour.

Ruthie's Kitchen

All Saints will be preparing 80+ dinners of Soup, Salad, and Dessert for our guests on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2021. If you can help by providing soup, chili, stew, salad, and desserts, or cases of water, please contact Ann Laughner at 757-651-4771, or email aflaughner@gmail.com with how you can help. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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