

Stockholm Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

December 24, 2017; 4:00 pm

** (Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal--"Worship") **

GATHERING MUSIC Kathryn Huselid

PREPARING THE MANGER FOR JESUS (come to the manger and lay straw there to prepare the place for Baby Jesus)

JESUS IN THE MANGER (solo) "Away In a Manger" Laura Mattila

READING: Luke 2:1-7 Daryl Dahlman

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Manger Carol" Stockholm Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE HOPE OF CHRIST

HYMN "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" Insert/ # 283

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

P: Great God of all Creation, you call us to walk in your light,

C: Give us your Joy!

P: You call us to believe your Good News, and to share it!

C: Give us your Heavenly Peace that no one can take away.

P: We gather to hear of your love and care for all people.

C: Help us love others and strive for justice and peace for all.

P: Stir our hearts and souls to love you for coming to save the world and us! As we light this Christmas candle, let us celebrate and remember that Jesus, the Holy Child and Savior, is the Light of the world!

C: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

WELCOME

NARRATION

HYMN "Joy to the World" Insert / # 267

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER SONG (all) (Tune: "Away in a Manger")

O God, with your glory you once filled the night, and now we behold in Christ Jesus the Light. May His presence brighten each pathway we take, until in His glory at last we awake.

WORD OF GOD

FIRST BIBLE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

SECOND BIBLE READING Titus 3:4-8

GOSPEL SONG: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1-2) Insert / # 279

GOSPEL BIBLE READING Luke 2:8-20

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Rev. Mark Little

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Insert / # 270

PRAYERS (P: Lord, in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always; **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING OF OUR TIME, TALENT, TREASURE TO THE PRINCE OF PEACE

OFFERING SONG: "What Child Is This?" (v. 1,3) Insert / # 296

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!")

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of hosts, by all adored. Heaven and earth cannot contain, all the glory of your Name! Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh. In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing: Hail, hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you!

CONSECRATION--JESUS IS NOW PRESENT IN THE BREAD AND WINE

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION P: Come, all is ready. Eat and drink the Good News that is Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man.

HOLY COMMUNION: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 3-4) Insert / # 279

SONGS (Red "Worship" hymnal): Inserts / # 282 (v. 1-3), 277, 289, 290

COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

BENEDICTION (Tune: "O Come, All Ye Faithful")

P: The Lord bless and keep you, look with love upon you, be gracious, and cause His face to shine with peace!

C: Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us, the Spirit's power to guide us ever-more!

VOCAL DUET "O Holy Night" Boyd Huselid / Kyle Little

NARRATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Silent Night, Silent World" Stockholm Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (after choir anthem)

(Please **tip the unlit candle** to the lighted one. **Hold the lit candles upright** to avoid dripping. We will sing when all candles are lit.)

HYMN:

“Silent Night”

Insert /# 281

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Jesus, the Light of the world is among us!

C: O come, let us adore him!

SENDING MUSIC

Kathryn Huselid

(Opening Reading and Narrations from 2017 Concordia Christmas concert, Concordia College,
Moorhead, MN)

May you know the blessings of God’s love in your life as you celebrate the Savior’s birth.

May His light shine in your lives always!

***Thank you to the following for sharing their gifts to enhance our worship tonight:
Daryl Dahlman (narrator), Boyd & Kathy Huselid, Kyle Little, Nicholas Little, Lauren
Mattila (soloist), the Stockholm Choir (Heidi Little, director).***