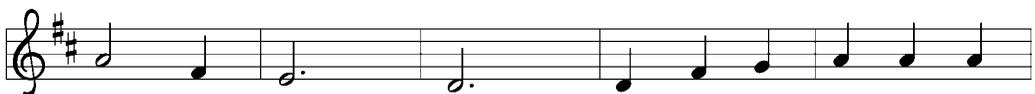


SONG: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**Worship**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Dec. 24, 2018**  
**9:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

**Extended Prelude—8:40pm (we invite you to meditate on the hymns)**

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| Angels From the Realms of Glory (organ)               | Michael Burkhardt    |
| Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (piano, clarinet, flute) | Michael Burkhardt    |
| Oh, How Joyfully (piano, clarinet, flute)             | B. Wayne Bisbee      |
| Angels We Have Heard on High (piano)                  | Valerie Floeter      |
| Away in a Manger (piano, clarinet, flute)             | Michael Burkhardt    |
| Pastorale (piano)                                     | Friedrich Burgmüller |
| Angels from the Realms of Glory (organ)               | Edwin Johnson        |

Welcome/Announcements

\*Invocation

**\*Gathering Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" LBW #50**

\*Greeting:

**P:** The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the WORD made flesh, the Everlasting Light, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**P: 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 & in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7

Lesson: Psalm 2

**\*Gospel Verse: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” — Verses 1-2**      **LBW #41**

\*Christmas Gospel: John 1:1-14

**\*Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” — Verses 3-4**      **LBW #41**

Children’s Message: “Night LIGHT”      Pastor Dave Steffenson

**Hymn: “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light”**      **Bulletin Page 4**

Sermon: “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”      Pastor Dave Steffenson

**\*Hymn of the Day: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**      **LBW #44**

**Verse 1:** Infant holy, infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the child is Lord of all.

Swiftly winging, angels singing, Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

**Verse 2:** Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping, Vigil till the morning new.

Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, greet the morrow:

Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

**Verse 3:** Joyous light of heavenly glory, shining in our darkest night.

Born to die and rise to save us, everlasting life and light.

Fears abating, sins revealing, prayers awaiting, children sealing:

Christ the child is light for all. Christ the child is light for all.

\*Confession of Faith: “Nicene Creed”      LBW Page 85

\*The Prayers: each petition ends with, “Lord in your mercy,” ... congregation responds with, “**Hear our prayer.**”

\*The Peace

**Offering—Silent Night** (piano, clarinet, flute)      Michael Burkhardt

\*The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer for Christmas

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*      *LBW page 91*

*Invitation & Distribution*

**Communion Hymn: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**      **LBW #60**

\*Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh and born of Mary, keep you always in His light and love.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Post-Communion Canticle: “Silent Night”**      **LBW#65**

*Lighting of candles and dimming of lights*

\*Benediction

P: May the Light of the World fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may celebrate the Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: “O Come All Ye Faithful”**      **LBW #45**

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Walk as a Child of the Light!

**C: Thanks be to God. Jesus is the Everlasting Light!**

Postlude — O Come, All Ye Faithful (organ)

Kevin Hildebrand

***Invitation & Distribution***—*Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).*

**Women’s Bible Study:** Women of Emmanuel have completed their study on the Book of Psalms. A new 5-week study on the “Song of Songs” begins on Jan. 10 at 1pm—Oasis Church. Study Dates: January 10, 24 & 31; February 7 & 28.

**Thanks** for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ keep Everlasting Light in our hearts always!

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