

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

December 24, 2023

3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Ken Hohag



*Unsupervised nursery space is available down the hall. Parents, please accompany your children.*

## \*ENTRANCE HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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| 1) O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant<br>O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem;<br>Come and behold him born the king of angels: | 2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,<br>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br>Glory to God...In the highest; Refrain |
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Refrain: O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

## CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Cong: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**C: We behold Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of all.**

## HYMN **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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| 1) Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn king;<br>Peace on earth, and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled."<br>Joyful, all you nations, rise;<br>Join the triumph of the skies,<br>With angelic hosts proclaim,<br>"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"<br>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn king!" | 2) Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!<br>Hail the Son of righteousness!<br>Light and life to all he brings,<br>Ris'n with healing in his wings.<br>Mild he lays his glory by,<br>Born that we no more may die,<br>Born to raise each child of earth,<br>Born to give us second birth.<br>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn king!" |
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THE READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

ANTHEM:	3:30	<i>Christmas Medley</i>	Instrumental
	5:30	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Choir
	7:30	<i>Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Organ

\* Congregation please stand.

READING Luke 2:1-14

## HYMN **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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| 1) Angels we have heard on high,<br>Sweetly singing o'er the plains,<br>And the mountains in reply,<br>Echoing their joyous strains.<br>Glo. . .ria in excelsis Deo;<br>Glo. . .ria in excelsis Deo. | 2) Come to Bethlehem and see<br>Him whose birth the angels sing;<br>Come adore on bended knee<br>Christ the Lord, the newborn king.<br>Glo. . .ria in excelsis Deo;<br>Glo. . .ria in excelsis Deo. |
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READING Luke 2:15-20

MESSAGE Pastor Ken

## \* HYMN **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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| 1) O little town of Bethlehem,<br>how still we see thee lie!<br>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,<br>the silent stars go by;<br>Yet in thy dark streets shineth,<br>the everlasting Light:<br>The hopes and fears of all the years,<br>are met in thee tonight. | 2) O holy Child of Bethlehem,<br>Descend to us, we pray;<br>Cast out our sin, and enter in,<br>Be born in us today.<br>We hear the Christmas angels,<br>The great glad tidings tell;<br>Oh, come to us, abide with us,<br>Our Lord Emmanuel! |
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OFFERING	3:30	<i>The First Noel</i>	Bell Choir
	5:30 & 7:30	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	Organ

## OFFERTORY **What Can I Give Him?**

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING red hymnal p. 144

HOLY COMMUNION  
Distribution Hymns red hymnal 277, 300 v1-3, 296, 286, 282

*(Grape juice is in prefilled glasses for those who cannot have wine.)*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*(Please do not tip lit candles.)*

Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your Light, and to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:1, 3*

Jesus said, “I have come as Light into the world, that whoever believes in me may  
not remain in darkness.... The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not  
overcome it.” *John 12:46, 1:5*

HYMN

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
- 3) Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THE PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*The candles are extinguished.*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Joy to the World**

- 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room. And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2) No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 3) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

- 3:30** **Bell Choir Director:** Bill Fitzpatrick  
**Instrumentalists:** Jack, Donna, Jenna & Jason Yonce  
**Organist:** Barb Gurnett  
**Pianist:** Alexandra Cullen
- 5:30** **Choir Director:** Melanie Hohag  
**Flute:** Donna Yonce  
**Organist/Pianist:** Barb Gurnett
- 7:30** **Organist:** Barb Gurnett

*Please return candles to the basket after service, thank you.*