

***“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,  
Heav'nly 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 your holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

**BLESSING**

May the Lord God, who has called you out of darkness to be servants of light, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. In the name of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The candles are extinguished.*

***“JOY TO THE WORLD”***

**ELW #267**

Today is our final service of the year, please worship at the church of your choice on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am     Sunday School

11:00 am     Communion Worship – Ray Dunn

*Merry  
Christmas*

**BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Nativity of our Lord**

**December 24, 2024**

PRELUDE Piano duet by Ian & Brenda Mammenga

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" ELW #283**

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

C **He is the Light no darkness can overcome.**

P At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.

C **With the heavenly host we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven."**

P In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.

C **With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.**

**"GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" ELW #290**

GREETING AND PRAYER

P May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 and 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.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

**"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" ELW #270**

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

**"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" ELW #279**

THIRD READING: Luke 2:1-7

**"AWAY IN A MANGER"**

**ELW #277**

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

**"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" ELW #289**

MESSAGE

RAY DUNN

**"I AM SO GLAD EACH CHRISTMAS EVE" ELW #271**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(inside back cover red hymnal)*

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN **"WHAT CHILD IS THIS"** *(verse 1)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*Continuous communion will be offered on the floor*

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: John 1:1-14

*The Pastor lights a candle from an altar candle, the ushers light from the Pastor's candle then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle.*