

Poinsettia Gifts

Given by . . .

Clarice Bartz- In Memory of Loved Ones

Bonnie & Virl Deal- To the Glory of God

Rod & Emi Kuntz- In Memory of Loved Ones

Earl & Judy Trenhaile- In Memory of Loved Ones

Albert & Doris Ralph- In Memory of Loved Ones

Phil & Gloria Hackbart- In Memory of Loved Ones

Charlotte Cole & Family- In Memory of Loved Ones

Ardis Hanson- In Memory of Allan Hanson "from his family"

Darren & Lori Marsh & Family- In Memory of Joanne Marsh

Dean & Mardine Meyer- In Memory of Dale & Shirley Meyer

Pastor and Peggy Weeg- In Memory of Jim & Beverly Erickson and
Reverend Warren C & Rebecca Weeg

Merlin & Lisa Bartz- In Memory of Orland Bartz, Jim & Phyllis Davis,
and Jane Buechele

Connie Rosenberg - In Memory of Harper Putz, Don Anderson, and
Elmer & Pearl Rosenberg

Greg & Shal Zillgitt- In Memory of Fehr, Zillgitt, and Wytaske Loved Ones

Family of Laurie Nack-Bublitz- In Memory of Loved Ones and Kuper Malmin

Chris and Teresa Braun- In Memory of Everett & Chrystal Braun and Allan Hanson

*Thank you to all who shared plants to beautify our sanctuary.
You may pick up your poinsettias after Christmas Day Worship*

Christmas Day service...will be at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. There will be no Holy Communion or Fellowship after. Please join us to worship our newborn King!

2023 Offering envelopes... will not be available until January, due to production issues. Contributions will continue to be recorded, please mark your offering in the memo line of your check, place in an envelope, or consider online giving as well.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Grafton, Iowa

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022, 6:30 PM



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

PRELUDE

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are gathered together on this Eve of Christmas to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, to meditate upon the mystery of that Incarnation by which we are redeemed, and to receive with joy the message of salvation. Come, let us worship our God.

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus’ birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, And angels sang on earth.

And so I love each Christmas Eve, And I love Jesus too;
And that he loves me every day I know so well is true.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song for He has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and His holy arm has He won for Himself the Victory.

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

P: He remembers His mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
And all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp and with the voice of song,
With trumpets and sound of the horn.

C: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

P: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
In righteousness shall He judge the world and the peoples with equity.

**C: His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

“Joy to the World”

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

The ushers will light their candles from the Pastor and will, in turn, light the candle of the worshipper in each pew nearest the center aisle. It is requested that no lit candles be tipped to avoid candle dripping on the floor and pew cushions. Tip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor.

After all candles have been lit, we will sing Silent Night

*Verse one in German, followed by all verses in English
Arrows indicate raising/lowering candle*

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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. ▼

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: **Titus 2:11-14**

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***“Bethlehem Promise, Bethlehem Joy”*** -by Joseph M. Martin

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: **Luke 2:1-7**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: **Luke 2:8-14**

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***“The Shepherds”*** -by Richardt Kountz, arr. M.Borchardt

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: **Luke 2:15-20**

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***“As Lately We Watched”*** -arr. By Charles Black

SERMON

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story; Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE COLLECTION OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Choir Anthem: ***“Immanuel”***
-by Michael Card

Of the 2022 Christmas offering, the first \$1500 will go to Benevolence. The rest will remain in the general fund of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who have been faithful in supporting our ministry this past year.