

Welcome to All

*Mission: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Information for Visitors ...

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Assistance is available from elders in entryway identified by a large red nametag.

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Gather Room each Sunday between services.

A Nursery is available from 8:30am-11:30am for children through age 4. It is located at the bottom of the grand staircase just outside the Gather Room.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School is at 9:30am and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor, and Grow Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Regular Worship Times 8:30am & 10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. During our service commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please silence cell phones

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Candice Combs

OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again.**

Amen.

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,

because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
C: Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *The Bells of Christmas (vs. 1, 2, 4)* **ELW 298**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Hebrew 2:13-23

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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!

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a

town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Once in Royal David's City*

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love Has Come

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Generous God,

C: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (tune *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*)

P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C: And may the Lord be with you too.

P: Lift your hearts to him in praise.

C: To the Lord our hearts we raise.

P: Let us offer praises true.

C: It is fitting so to do. Gratefully we sing to the Lord our King!

PREFACE

THE SANCTUS (tune *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of Hosts, by all adored! Heav'n 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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")

C: Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne

Most holy be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done.

On earth - in heav'n the same.

Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto you in grateful love we bow

And yours the pow'r; Lord let us view

Your mighty presence now.

**The glory yours; your praise be sung, By angel hosts and all
in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue, Forevermore! Amen.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

The First Noel

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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On Christmas Night

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

THANKSGIVING (tune *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*)

C: Oh, thank the Lord and sing His Praise,

What he has done proclaim

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name

Who leads His thankful people forth His promises to claim.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Lord, let your servant go in peace,

Your word has been fulfilled.

**My eyes have seen the saving work
Which for the world you willed.
The glory of Your chosen race As light for all revealed.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Immanuel, God with us,

C: you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

Amen.

BLESSING (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 Father, Son and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us, the spirit's pow'r to guide us evermore!

CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell it on the Mountain

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DISMISSAL

P: Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer List

Please pray for these ILC members:

Elois Sakewitz	Wilbert Becker	Charles Tawater	Fred Scott
Wendy Weiss	Donna Cearley	Judy Tawater	Trilba Eschberger
Vernette Fuchs	H.L. Weiss	Donald Wolf	Virginia Weiss
Billie Becker	Randa Nowotny	Cyndi Motloch	Bart Emken

Please pray for these friends & extended family members:

Kenneth Warren	Rodney Reed	Beverly Kuchar	John Hankins
Calen Stewart	Evelyn Wuensee	Ike Eickbusch	Sally Rankin
Barrett Randig	Eryn Emken	Karen Benavidez	Marvin Schroeder

This Week's Gatherings

Sun	Adult Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30AM
Mon	Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen's Studio Workroom	9:00 AM
	Men's Basketball	
Tues	Church Office Closed (available by phone for emergencies)	
Wed	Church Office Closed (available by phone for emergencies)	
Thurs	Sotaria Praise Band Practice	6:00PM
Sun	Worship Service – Parish Hall w/ Sotaria	8:30 AM
	Sunday School	9:30AM
	Get Acquainted Breakfast – Gather Room	9:30AM
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 AM
	Sunday School Teachers Gathering – Gather Room	11:AM-1:00PM

Announcements

“Yellow Brick House” Food Pantry Weekly request: We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through food and/or cash donation.

- Peanut butter
- Jelly/jams
- Canned diced tomatoes
- instant potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed)
- fruit cups (4 pack)
- canned fruit cocktail/peaches/pears (Large)
- egg noodles
- Chicken/Tuna Helper or Skillet

No Sunday School youth today; classes resume January 5. Happy New Year!

Container Donation Request: We are looking for containers that we can leave outside the office doors that we can use for donation drop offs but not hinder the walkway. Feel free to leave your food pantry items or backpack ministry items in front of the office, in the workroom, or in the office during regular office hours until we find the right containers. Items that need to go in the staff mailboxes may be left in the “inbox” outside the church office.

Annual Reports are due **as soon as possible in December**, but please no later than Friday, January 3. Email you information to candyk@ilcpville.org.

Extra Furniture Available: We are looking for a home for some of the extra furniture that is in the office area. Check out the office area for the furniture that is not needed.

Offering Envelopes are now available by the Parish Hall and Chapel church entrances. Please help yourself to a set and remember the envelopes are not numbered. Therefore, if you give cash you will need to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first meeting of 2020 on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00am in the Gather room. Please join us as we knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. No experience required - just a willing heart! Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

The **Historical & Tradition** committee will meet Monday, January 13 at 1:30pm in the conference room.

Tired and Retired will get together this Wednesday, January 8 at 11:30am for potluck. Won't you come to help welcome in the New Year, 2020!

Important Church Update: For the last several months, Council has been discussing the constitution changes adopted at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly last summer, as well as updates to our current bylaws and continuing resolutions. There are several outstanding questions the Council would like to resolve before submitting to the congregation for consideration. In addition, the Council wants to ensure there are plenty of opportunities for the congregation to ask questions and review the proposals well in advance of a vote. As a result, the Church Council voted on December 17 to delay consideration of changes to the ILC Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions. The proposal will not be considered at the upcoming January annual congregation meeting.

Joyfully Serving Today

	Late Service
Organists	Vernagene Mott
Acolytes	
Assisting Minister	Steve Barczi
Readers	Candy Hansen
Communion Assts	
Chapel Asst Minister	Jean Gifford
Ushers/Greeters	
Children's Message	Debbie Wiederhold
Console/Projectionist	Dave Gifford
Coffee Maker	Kristin Adix
Altar Guild	Janelle Hebbe, Martha Sansom, and Judy Schwartz

Please contact a **Council Member** if you have any special facility needs.

December	Erik Hendrickson	512-663-3002
January	Jean Gifford	512-989-0340

Please contact an **Elder** if you would like to assist with worship or sign up online at www.bit.ly/ILCsignup.

Early Service – Parish Hall (8:30 AM)

December	Susan Moellenberg	512-825-0423
January	Larry Bradley	512-496-4200

Late Service – Sanctuary (10:30 AM)

December	Brent Reeder	512-663-1153
January	Dave Gifford	512-989-0140

ILC Office Staff		
Pastor	Rev. Candice Combs	pastorcandice@ilcpville.org
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Director of Education Ministry	Melissa Parry	melissap@ilcpville.org
Accounting (Interim)	Vic Smith	vic@ilcpville.org

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Bells of Christmas

Det kimer nu til julefest



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer
 1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:

6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
 shall swell our jubilee of song.

The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

On Christmas Night



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
sing, all for to see the new-born king.
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Go Tell It on the Mountain

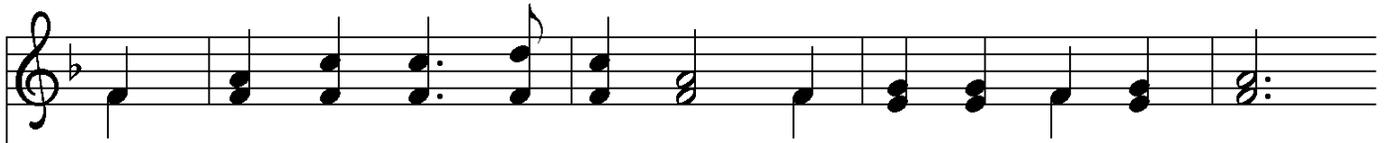
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

