



A service of healing and hope...

Celebration Lutheran Church

December 18, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Gathering and Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Hymn: *As Dark Awaits the Dawn* (ELW [red hymnal] #261)

Psalm 25 / Prayer

Hymn: *O Come Emmanuel*, verses 1 & 2 (ELW #257)

Psalm 71 / Prayer

Hymn: *O Come Emmanuel*, verses 3 & 4 (ELW #257)

Psalm 46 / Prayers

Hymn: *O Come Emmanuel*, verses 5 & 6 (ELW #257)

Psalm 63 / Prayers

Hymn: *O Come Emmanuel*, verses 7-8 (ELW #257)

Healing time

Over...

Gospel: John 1:1-14

Time for Reflection

Hymn: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (ELW #282)

Blessing

Reception in the gathering space outside the sanctuary!

Assisting in Worship Tonight

Pastor William Diehm, retired

Pastor Marilyn Matevia, Celebration Lutheran Church

Pastor Paul Moody, Messiah Lutheran Church

David Strieter, Musician

The Longest Night

This worship service recognizes that the seasons of Advent and Christmas can be difficult for some. For those who feel alone after the death of a loved one, a broken relationship, the inability to have a child, the loss of a job or health, or for other reasons, the outward happiness of the season can make it sad or painful.

So, as we near the winter solstice (this Saturday) - the longest night of the year - we gather reverently and hopefully before God for a service of healing and hope, and to share the Word that shines light into the darkness of despair, grief, and loneliness. We pray that you find solace, peace, and hope.