



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
4:00 and 6:00 pm**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting Two

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: 4:00 Luke & Seth Boyle “*The Little Drummer Boy*” arr. Luke Boyle
6:00 Gesù Bambino arr. Carol Tornquist

Gathering Litany

The Prophet Isaiah said:
The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
On them light has shined.

People: O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

The Priest Zechariah said before John's birth:
By the tender mercy of our God,
The dawn from on high will break upon us,
To give light to those who sit in darkness,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Evangelist John said:
What has come into being in him was life
And the life is the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness did not overcome it.

People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

God is with us
God is coming into our lives in a new way
The birth of the Christ-child is the renewal of hope
A reminder that Christ will come again
Keep watch for the light; it is drawing near.

ALL: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gathering Song: *O, Come, All Ye Faithful*

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1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2 The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: **Refrain**

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: **Refrain**

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade Public Domain

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High

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1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864 Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

Prayer of the Day

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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872 Public Domain

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known

what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Amlin

Hymn of the Day: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270

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| <p>1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"</p> | <p>2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"</p> |
| <p>3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"</p> | |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915 Public Domain

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
...to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Music:

4:00 pm *“I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In”*

6:00 pm *“The Little Drummer Boy”*

**Troy Troftgruben
Luke & Seth Boyle**



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Offering Prayer in Unison

Let us pray together.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

ELW p. 129

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

ELW p. 130

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

ELW p. 135

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution Songs: *Away in a Manger*

ELW 278

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
 shining in the east beyond them far;
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

- 3 And by the light of that same star
 three wise men came from country far;
 to seek for a king was their intent,
 and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
 o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
 and there it did both stop and stay
 right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
 full rev'rently upon their knee,
 and offered there in his presence
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

Text: English traditional Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901 Public Domain

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song with Candlelight: *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

ELW 281

- 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863 Public Domain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

arr. Carol Tornquist

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

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Poinsettias given by the following

Pam Null: In memory of all of our loved ones who have left the earth for a better one

Betty Westemeier: In memory of Daniel Westemeier

Val & Morgan Kennedy/Bri & Alan Ensign: In memory of Janet Grimm & Jack Kennedy

Tim & Heather Felderman family: In memory of Dave Felderman

Jan Helwig-Schrobelgen: In memory of my parents, brother and other family members

Craig & Joan Cram: In memory of Maynard Calgaard and Carl Cram

Allan & Christine Simms: In memory of our parents and son Benjamin

Mike & Steph Ackerman: In memory of Nick & Anita Ackerman; Brad Lobberecht

Sam & Sue Deaver: In memory of Mildred & Joe Fessler; Aline & Leland Deaver

Susan & Kurt Hansen: In memory of our parents Lucy & Herb Krieger;

Lois & Elmer Hansen

Dan & Joan Decker: In memory of our parents Elva & Ferne Decker; Raymond & Gertrude Leesman; Dan's sister Betty DeJarnette

Steve & Sandy Heer: In celebration of Christ's birth!

Barb & Larry Croghan: In memory of our parents

Barb Lindecker: In memory of husband Ken

Galen & Debbie Thomas: In memory of Clarion & Myrtle Neseth/Gene & Lucille Thomas

Phil & Peggy Granovsky: Prayers for peace in Ukraine. Slava Ukraini

A very special thank you...

To those who shared special musical talents: Luke & Seth Boyle and Troy Troftgruben tonight, as well as Teresa Troftgruben, and Anderson Lambert and Seth who added their talents to the 10:30 service on Sunday the 18th.

Noisy offering Update...

The youth collected \$100 in coins plus some more 'quiet' donations on Sunday the 18th, for a total of \$260. Those funds are designated to be used for the Little Free Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity! Merry Christmas!

Thank you! The staff would like to thank our amazing Lord of Life members and friends for your kindness expressed for Christmas. Your greetings cards, treats, and gifts mean a lot to us as we work hard on your behalf.

Thank you! Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for your help with the funeral for Al Stuart this week. The family appreciates all of your efforts and so do we!

Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week. We will be closed on January 2nd in observance of New Year's. Pastoral care emergencies should be directed to Pastor Paul's extension on our phone system.

This Week at Lord of Life

Tomorrow	10:00 AM	Christmas Worship in-person or online
Sunday, January 1	10:00 AM	Lessons & Carols in-person or online

Servants:

Saturday December 24

4:00 PM	Kevin Cartee	Kevin Curoe	Jenn Cartee	Deavers
6:00 PM	Jon	Lorice Amlin	Debbie Thomas	Gilbertsons

Sunday December 25

10:00 AM	Jon	Gilbertsons
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