



St. Luke Lutheran Church • 7:30PM • December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve Zion Worship

Opening & Hymn: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

L: On this holy night, we come to behold the Child, born of Mary.

C: **We come to see the Savior, who is the Son of God.**

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the king of angels:**

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

L: On this holy night, Mary and Joseph welcomed the Christ Child.

C: **We come to welcome the One who was born to show us God's love.**

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

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

L: On this holy night, the shepherds and angels witnessed the wonder.

C: **We come to witness the blessings from above now revealed in Jesus.**

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

Oh, come, let us adore Him, oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Confession and Absolution:

L: O Lord, as we marvel at the miracle of the birth of Baby Jesus.

C: **let us remember that his birth was necessary because we are born sinful and in need of forgiveness.**

We confess to you & to one another our failure to be the kind, forgiving servants you created us to be.

A moment of silent reflection.

L: Behold, I announce to you that the grace and mercy of the Christ Child is reborn in you this night. Your sins are forgiven through the perfect love of the Son of God, who was born for your salvation.

C: **Amen**

Hymn: "What Child is This"

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping.
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring in laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him!
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him!
Raise, raise the song on high! The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! For Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayer of the Day:

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.

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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.

Sermon Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay. Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with thee there.

Sermon

Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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!

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son 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.
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!**

The Prayers: (call and response)

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

P: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

P: Blessed are you, wonderful Counselor. You enlightened the heart with steadfast love.

C: Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

P: Blessed are you, Emmanuel, You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

C: Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

P: Blessed are you, Son of Mary, You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

P: Blessed are you, Son of God, You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Blessing:

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day, through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Hymn: "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 thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

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