



**St. Luke Lutheran Church • 7:30PM • December 24, 2021**  
**Christmas Eve Zion Worship • Pastor Eric Hanson**

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**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. **Amen**

**Prayer of the Day:** P: Let us pray. C: 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**

<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was

no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## Children's Sermon

**Sermon** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**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.**

**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. Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day. We especially pray for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Ross Schrimpf, Judy Carpenter, Blake Carlson, Joan Quiggle, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese and the family of Josh Budensiek.

**C: Have mercy on us and bring your light to darkened places.**

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.**

**Sharing the Peace:** P: The peace of the Christ Child be with you always C: **And also with you.**

**Offertory Prayer:** P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

## Words of Institution

**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.

**The Meal & 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 Him 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!

**Communion Prayer:** P: Let us pray.

**C:** 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.

*The Pastor lights a large candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles, then worshipers light their candles.*

**Blessing:** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.

**Closing 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. Shine your light! C: Thanks be to God.

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