

peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Hymn: *“Jesus Name Above All Names”*

**Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.**

Reading: Titus 2:11-14 *read by Sam Tipton*

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Hymn: *“Breath Of Heaven”* *sung by Michelle Matthees*

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 *read by Lillian Volkmann*

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴So 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. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and 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.

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *(you may be seated)* *“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”*

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

**Vs 1: O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**Vs 2: For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King And Peace to men on earth!**

**Vs 3: How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n! So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav’n. No ear may hear His coming But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still The dear Christ enters in.**

**Vs 4: O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell
Oh, come to us, abide with us Our Lord Immanuel**

Reading: Luke 2:8-20 *read by Hazel Volkmann*

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Hymn: *Ushers bring offering forward “Angels We Have Heard On High”*

**Verse 1: Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Verse 2: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. [Refrain]**

Offering 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.

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Choir Hymn: *“In A Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes”*

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Pastor lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world of whom John’s gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the Pastor’s candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

The Prayers: (call and response) *read by Larry Miller*

L: Glory to God in the highest,

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

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O’Brien, Karen O’Reilly, Kellie Peterson, and Peg Campbell.

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

L: 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.

Congregation & Choir Hymn: *"Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Peace, Peace"*

Choir: Peace, peace, peace on earth, and good will to all, This is a time for joy, this is a time for love,
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.
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.

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TOGETHER: Men sing *Peace Peace* while Women sing *Silent Night*

Men: Peace, peace, peace on earth, & good will to
all, This is a time for joy, this is a time for
love, Now let us all sing together of peace,
peace, peace on earth.

Peace, peace, peace on earth, & good will to
all, This is a time for joy, this is a time for
love, Now let us all sing together of peace,
peace, peace on earth.

Women: 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 your birth, Jesus, Lord, at
your birth.

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: *The Pastor blesses the congregation.*

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.

The candles are extinguished.

Departure Hymn: *"Joy to the World"*

Vs. 1: Joy to the world the Lord has come! Let earth receive its 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.

Vs. 2: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Vs. 3: No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Vs. 4: He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove. The glories of his
righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Sending: P: Go in peace, shine your light!

C: Thanks be to God!



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
4:00PM • December 24, 2022 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Hymn: *"Long Ago and Far Away"*

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

Verse 1: 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: [refrain]

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

Verse 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]

Verse 3: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: [refrain]

Christmas Dialog & Greeting:

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: **In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P: May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you. Amen.**

Opening Prayer: P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

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

Guitar Solo: *"Noel Song" played by Calvin Ryan*

Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7** read by Avery Tipton

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a
light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice
at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have
shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's
boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to
us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Won-
derful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and

