



**St. Luke Lutheran Church • 8:30AM • December 25, 2020**  
**Christmas Day Carols & Lessons Worship**

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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.

**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.

#### Children's Sermon

##### Reading: Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before 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; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When 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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The 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!**

**Prayers:**

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* The shepherds sing, "Jesus Christ is born!" Let your church throughout the world proclaim this good news, over the hills and everywhere. Unite the voices of all your faithful people in songs of praise and rejoicing. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

Heaven and nature sing, "Joy to the world!" Give respite to flocks, fields, and those who tend them. Come near to us in the beauty of nighttime, the shining of the stars, and the hush of a world at rest. May our wonder at your creation rouse our care for all the earth. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

The angels sing, "Peace on earth!" Come quickly to still the strife of this world. Hush the noise of war and violence in places of unrest. Inspire leaders of nations to seek lasting peace and sustainable provision for all in their care. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

Mary sings melodies of comfort to her newborn child. Bring rest and reassurance to those facing struggles this night. Shelter travelers and those without homes. Console those who lie awake due to pain or anxiety. Heal those who are sick or hurting, especially; Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Brad Roschen, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Hunter Burow, Barb Maher, Cassidy Post, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

Love sings through the sound of a new baby's cry. Bless new parents and expectant parents. Comfort those who long for children, especially those running out of hope or options. Surround families of every shape and size with your love and care. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

The heavenly chorus sings, "Glory to God in the highest!" We give you thanks for all the saints who have proclaimed your glory in word and deed. Let us join them this night in joyful praise around your eternal throne. Christ Jesus, born in a manger, **bless us and be with us.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**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.**

The poinsettias on the altar today are in memory of:  
In memory of Bettie Meyer from Gerald Meyer and Christine Skog  
In memory of LeeAnn Carlson from LeeAnn's family  
In memory of Chad Luhman from Eenie and Larry Miller

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