

The American Lutheran Church of Windom



CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2020 Digital Worship**

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING! *This service will be aired on KDOM radio (103.1 FM) at 7:00 pm tonight. This broadcast is sponsored in memory of Ruth Berge, given by her grandchildren Niko, Logan, and Sierra Berge, and Mackenzie and Marissa Meier.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Rozanne Gronseth, Pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING:

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Family/Individual: Lori Seifert

L: This holy night invites us:

C: Come to Bethlehem!

L: A baby long expected

C: Come to Bethlehem!

L: Is soon to be arriving.

C: Come to Bethlehem!

L: Now gather at the manger.

C: Come to Bethlehem! (*Candle is lit*)

OPENING CAROL **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** ELW #283

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*

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God incarnate, You come again to us on this blessed night, to take our form and live among us. Bring us with awe and wonder before your holy nativity and be born anew in our hearts. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION: DUET

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Miranda Roskamp and Sarah Tailowright

LUKE 2: 1-5

NARRATOR: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW #279

- 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.
- 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.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Public Domain

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Mary Had a Baby”

Beth Feltes, Karen and Michael Wojahn

PRAYER

Holy God, on this beautiful night we pray for families all over the world. We pray for the hopes and the dreams of parents as they birth their children. We thank you that your son Jesus came into the world as a human child, and that our hopes and dreams are met in him tonight. We praise you that in him, Jesus, our future is secure. We are so grateful that in him, we have nothing to fear, for he is our peace. Amen.

LUKE 2:6-7

NARRATOR: While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Joseph’s Lullaby”

Jordan Bussa and Dustin Stevens

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

Childrens’ Ensemble

- 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.

“Away in a Manger” Text: North American, 19th cent. Public Domain

PRAYER

Lord, we ask your blessing upon all mothers who have given birth or who will soon be birthing. Bless their pregnancies with healthy children. Bless their own bodies so that there will be no complications. Bless all families regardless of their finances, that unlike Mary and Joseph, all mothers may have access to quality medical care and the means to afford it, Lord in Your Mercy, Hear our prayer.

LUKE 2:8-12

NARRATOR: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

ANGEL: Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. (Erin Shamp)

MUSICAL SELECTION: HARP SOLO

“*Away in a Manger*”

Karen Wojahn

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we thank you for coming down to earth, and joining us in the flesh! Whatever our troubles, you know them. Whatever our joys, you know those too. You came to show us what love looks like, up close and personal. May your love fill our hearts again this night, and may your light shine bright, like the star of Bethlehem. May your peace reign in our lives and in our world. Amen.

LUKE 2:13-14

NARRATOR: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

ANGEL: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

CAROL

“*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

ELW #270

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!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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. Refrain

“*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.Public Domain

LUKE 2:15

NARRATOR: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

SHEPHERD: Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

CAROL

“*The First Noel*”

ELW #300

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*

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*

“The First Noel” Text: English traditional Public Domain

PRAYER

Lord, you send your angels to sing praises because a king has been born for us. A ruler who is humble and generous and gives everything he has for his people, even his own life. And as the King of Kings is born it is not the clergy, nor the rich, nor the powerful who get access to him first, but instead Lord, you invite the lowly, dirty, shepherds, once again, showing us how incredibly humble and lowly you are. Unite us King Jesus under your rule and instill in your followers the same humility, generosity, and regard for the lowest of the low in our society. Amen.

LUKE 2:16-20

NARRATOR: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

MUSICAL SELECTION: DUET “*I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve*”
Sadie and Brita Tjentland

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

MUSICAL SELECTION: DUET “*O Holy Night*”

Isaac and Eliana Tadó

OFFERING

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electronic/on-line giving by clicking on our GIVE TAB found in the top menu bar. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring these gifts before you, rejoicing at this holy birth and grateful for the blessing of your presence. May the world be blessed by the gift of your son to all people, and may all people know your love through us, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

“Silent 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 your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

“Silent Night” Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863 Public Domain.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

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**

BLESSING

Now may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. (*Please Extinguish candles*)

MUSICAL SELECTION: PIANO SOLO

“Joy to the World”

Morgan Roskamp

- 1 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

“Joy to the World” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872 Public Domain.

SENDING

Go in peace, Christ is with you. / **We will! Thanks be to God!!**

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Digital Recording Musicians and Participants: Jordan Bussa and Dustin Stevens; Karen Wojahn, Beth Feltes, Michael Wojahn; Morgan Roskamp; Michele Larson; Carol Vought, Rozanne Gronseth, Priscilla Jacobson; Brass Group: Ramona Harper, Page Kern, Dana Wallace, Jamie Pohlmann; Isaac and Eliana Tadó; Miranda Roskamp and Sarah Tailowright; Sadie and Brita Tjentland; Narrator: Eric Hanson, Angel: Erin Shamp, Shepherd: James Erickson.

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Have a blessed and Merry Christmas Everyone!

