

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!  
CHRISTMAS EVE



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“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE, AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU.”

ROMANS 15:7

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES PEOPLE OF ANY AGE, RACE,  
NATIONALITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE, AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPABILITY.

## CHRISTMAS EVE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman”

Thomas Eisnor

-John Innes

### WELCOME DIALOG

- ☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!
- ☑ **He is the Light no darkness can overcome.**
- ☐ Today we celebrate the great light of our salvation.
- ☑ **With the heavenly host we sing, “Glory to God in the highest heaven.”**
- ☐ In Christ, God’s Word is made flesh and lives among us.
- ☑ **With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Cynthia and Paul Christensen

ELW #283

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!**

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*

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

#### *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

#### *Refrain*

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH CAROLS

(Written by Sarah Bentley Allred, Wake Forest, NC Dec. 2020)

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” vs. 1, ELW #265

Cynthia Christensen and Drew Dickerson

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1, ELW #279

Hudson, Donna Garges, Alyssa Winnett

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.

# “Angels We Have Heard on High, vs 1, ELW #289

Gwen

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Maureen

PSALM

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Brooke and Oliva

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

Lily

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

MEDITATION

“Not a Fairy Tale”

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF DAY

“Mary’s Boy Child”

Cynthia & Paul Christensen

*-Jester Hairston*

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ, is born on Christmas  
Day.

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new king was  
born today, and man will live for evermore, because  
of Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch their flocks by night; they saw a  
bright new shining star, and heard the choir from  
heaven sing, the music came from afar.

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new king was  
born today, and man will live for evermore, because

of Christmas Day.

Joseph and his wife Mary, came to Bethlehem that  
night, they found no place to bear her child not a  
single room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook in a stable all  
forlorn, and in the manger, cold and dark, Mary’s  
little boy child was born.

Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they  
say, that man will live for evermore, because of  
Christmas Day.

## NICENE CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## CAROL

### “The First Noel”

Paul Christensen and Karen Ferg

*Traditional Carol Arr. Travis Cottrell arr. ©2012 Word Music, LLC*

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.

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

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King, Born is the King,  
Born is the King of Israel.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Catalina Ontiveros

*(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” worshippers respond with the words, “hear our prayer.”)*

## CAROL

### “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Paul & Cynthia Christensen

*Musical Introduction*

*ELW #281*

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.

## CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

## HANDBELL ANTHEM

### “Born is the King of Israel”

GSLC Bell Ringers

*-arr. by Sandra Eithun*

## BLESSING

# CAROL

## “Joy to the World”

Paul Christensen and Karen Ferg

*Isaac Watts and George Frederick Handel arr. John E. Coates .©2012 Word Music, LLC*

Joy! Joy! Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come, the Lord is come!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every 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.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Re-peat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world!  
the Lord is come, the Lord is come!  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come! the Lord is come!

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! Joy! Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come, the Lord is come!  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come! the Lord is come!  
(Repeat)

# DISMISSAL

# HANDBELL POSTLUDE

## “Joy to the World”

GSLC Bell Ringers

*arr. by Anna Laura Page*

*A special thank you to our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Cat Ontiveros, for coordinating all the roles of our Good Shepherd children and youth, and to the Champion, Freeman, Garges, Hutchison, Kelly, Mattocks, Myers, Peters, Schwartz, and Swordsma families for their participation in this year's program.*

*Thank you also to Pastor Paul and the following, for their additions in making this service, a wonderful Christmas reality.*

Vocalists:  
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Karen Ferg

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Deborah Ezell, Percussion  
Tim Ferg, Guitar  
Gary Griffith, Bass  
Pam Weinelt, Keyboard

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## Christmas Offering

Christmas time has come again. And what a remarkable year it has been. We've seen church families band together to help each other and support our congregation with time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. Since we can't all gather in person to celebrate and worship this year, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church encourages you to use our eGiving tools to make your Christmas offering.

To learn more, visit our church website at [gslutheran.org/donate](https://gslutheran.org/donate). We thank you for your generosity in supporting our everyday mission.



# Merry Christmas!

*We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.*

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