

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Joy TO THE
World

Christmas Eve | December 24, 2022 | 7 p.m.

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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.

Please silence your cell phones.

 **GATHERING** 

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Praise Team

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. God of life,

C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on

us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In **+** Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Assembly responds, “Amen.”

GATHERING SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Vs. 1 & 3 HFPW #30
Latin Hymn, Words: John Francis Wade; Arr. Travis Cottrell
Arr. © 2002 Word Music

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.

Chorus

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of
Heaven above!

Glory to God
In the Highest

Chorus

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

Final Chorus

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

GREETING

Assembly responds, “Amen.”

CHRISTMAS SONG

“One Small Child”

Words and Music by David Meece
© 1971 Curb Word Music

Verse 1
One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream of a Savior tonight
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small city of life O

One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small savior of life. O

Chorus 1
See Him lying a cradle beneath Him
See Him smiling in the stall
See His mother praising His Father
See His tiny eyelids fall

Chorus 2
See the shepherds kneeling before Him
See the kings on bended knee
See His mother praising His Father
See the blessed Infant sleep

Verse 3
One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream in a people of might,

Verse 4
One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream in a people of might
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small Savior of life O

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you. **P** Let us pray....
Assembly responds, “Amen.”
Sit

CHRISTMAS SONG

“Emmanuel”

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith
© 1983 Meadowgreen Music Company

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Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u - el.

Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, Lord of life, Lord of all, He is the

1.
Prince of Peace, Might - y God, Ho - ly One. Em - man - u - el,

2.
Em - man - u - el. Em - Ho - ly One Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u -

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el. Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u -

1. 2.
el. Em - el. Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, Lord of life, Lord of all,

— He is the Prince of Peace, Might - y God, Ho - ly One.

Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u - el,
 Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u - el. Em -
 man - u - el. Em - man - u - el.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

L A reading from Isaiah:

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

L A reading from Titus:

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Traditional French Carol; Arr. John E. Coates
Arr © 2002 Word Music

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.

And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Glory! Gloria!

Glory! Gloria!

Glory! Gloria!

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Glory! Gloria!

Glory! Gloria!

Glory! Gloria!

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter. **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Rosalina Rivera

Stand

3 AWAY IN THE MANGER

1. A - way in the man - ger, no crib for a -
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a -
 3. Be near me Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to

3. Final Ending

world!" "Joy to the world!" "Joy to the world!"

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where!

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is _____ born

7 *to CHORUS and final ending*

It's

NICENE CREED

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Word made flesh," worshipers respond with the words, "hear our prayer.")

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Sit



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Stand

"O Come All You Unfaithful"
by Lisa Clow and Bab Kauflin

Praise Team

OFFERING PRAYER

Assembly responds, "Amen."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

COMMUNION

- † *All believers are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.*
- † *Follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your rows toward the center aisle.*
- † *Please take the bread and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers and sealed wafer & juice combination packets are also available upon request.*
- † *Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- † *Use the trash receptacles provided.*
- † *After receiving communion please proceed around the side aisles to return to your seat.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"What Child is This?"

Words by Will C. Dix; Music: English Ballad, 16th cent.
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- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

“Mary Did You Know”

Words and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
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Ma-ry, did you know that your ba - by boy___ would one day walk___ on wa -
 know that your ba - by boy___ will give sight to___ the blind___
 know that your ba - by boy___ is Lord of all___ cre - a -



ter? Ma-ry did you know that your ba - by boy___ would save our sons___ and daugh -
 — man? Ma-ry did you know that your ba - by boy___ would calm a storm___ with His___
 tion? Ma-ry did you know that your ba - by boy___ will one day rule___ the na -



ters? Did you know___ that your ba - by boy___ has come to make___ you new;
 — hands? Did you know___ that your ba - by boy___ has walked where an - gels trod,
 tions? Did you know___ that your ba - by boy___ was Heav - en's per - fect Lamb,

3rd time to CODA ⊕



— this Child___ that you___ de - li - vered will soon de - liv - er you?___
 — when you kiss your lit - tle ba - by you've kissed the face of God?
 — and the sleep - ing Child___ you're hold - ing is the



— Ma-ry did you Oh, Ma-ry did you know? Oh, Ma-ry did you



know? The blind will see,___ the deaf will hear,___ the



dead will live___ a - gain,___ the lame will leap,___ the dumb will speak the



prais - es of___ the Lamb?___ Ma-ry did you great I Am?

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn;
Arr. Dave Williamson Arr. © 2012 Word Music, LLC



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, _____
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored. _____
3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! _____



"Glo - ry to the new - born King; _____
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! _____
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! _____



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" _____
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb: _____
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. _____



Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, _____ Join the tri - umph of the skies; _____
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; _____ Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, _____
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, _____ Born that men no more may die, _____



With an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is _____ born in Beth - le - hem!" _____
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, _____ our Em - man - u - el. _____
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to _____ give them sec - ond birth. _____



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry _____ to the new - born King." _____
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry _____ to the new - born King." _____
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry _____ to the new - born King." _____

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Words and Music by Edmund H. Sears and Music by Richard S. Willis. © Public Domain



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly responds, "Amen."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assembly responds, "Amen."

Stand

SENDING

CANDLE-LIGHTING HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Words by Joseph Mohr, tr. John F. Young and Music by Franz Gruber © Public Domain

The pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle spreading the light to the ushers, who in turn will spread the light to those nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when spreading light to another.

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| <p>1 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.</p> <p>2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,</p> | <p>heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!</p> <p>3 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.</p> |
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BLESSING

Assembly responds, "Amen."

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

Lord is — come! 1. Joy to the world! — the Lord is come; Let
2. Joy to the earth! — the Sav - ior reigns; Let
3. No more let sin — and sor - row grow, Nor

earth re - ceive her King. Let ev - ery heart pre -
men their songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks,
thorns in - fest the ground. He comes to — make — his

pare — him — room, — And heav'n and na - ture sing, — And
hills — and — plains — Re - peat as the sound - ing joy, — Re -
bless - ings — flow — Far as the curse is found, — Far

heav'n and na - ture sing, — And heav'n and heav'n — and na - ture
peat as the sound - ing joy, — Re - peat, as, — re - peat — the sound - ing
as the curse is found, — Far as, — far as — the curse is —

1. sing. joy. Joy! Joy! Joy to the world! the Lord is — come, the
found.

Lord is — come! Joy! Joy! Joy to the world! the Lord is — come! the

Lord is — come! 4. He rules the world — with truth and grace — And makes the

na - tions prove The glo - ries — of — his righ - teous -

ness — And won - ders of — his love, — And won - ders of — his love, — And

won - ders, won - ders 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!

DISMISSAL

- A** Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News!!
- C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Hope Was Born This Night”
 – by Ben McDonald and Dave Fry

Praise Team

If



you ordered a poinsettia and want to take it home, you may do so following the 9 p.m. service tonight or following the Christmas Day service tomorrow.
Any poinsettias not picked up will be given away.



Poinsettias

John and Sharon Bost in memory of our parents and those who died of Covid

Kathie Casagrande in memory of Bob Casagrande

Sandy Cerstvik celebration of the birth of our Savior and in memory of loved ones

Jason and Jenny Champion in celebration of their children Paul and Lily and their loved ones

The Dias Family in memory of Ed Dias

Elizabeth Fennell in celebration of their beautiful children, Dylan, Lily, Eva, Taylor and Omar. In memory of James Fennell and Margaret Cobb and in honor of her wife, Alice

The Frink Family in memory of Mimi and Pop Mellor and in honor of Pastor Rosy and the GSLC Staff

Sally and Terry George in celebration of their grandchildren

Tom & Kris Hebeisen in memory of Karen Rodning and Rita Friederichs

The Hutchison Family in memory of our lost loved ones

Ken and Barb Kidder in celebration of the Christmas season

Brenda Kvitlen Schumaker in memory of all her loved ones who have passed away

Victoria and Colin Lasater in celebration of Dave and Lisa Gregerson's 40th wedding anniversary

Cathy Mattocks in celebration of Christ's birth and in memory of Grant and Jayne Mattocks and in memory of Lisa Panhorst

David and Melinda Mundis in memory of Ruth and Oliver Mundis and Dale and Otto Kraese

Scott Panhorst in memory of Lisa Panhorst

The Peter's Family in celebration of the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and in honor of the gift of family and friends

Myra Rissmiller in celebration of Christ's birth and in memory of many departed loved ones.

Ed and Judy Roberts in honor of all those working for peace in our world

Ted and Carol Rodi in memory of our parents Bill, Inga, John and Armella

*Vic & Linda Rowell in honor of Lloyd & Clara Rowell, Joseph & Barbara Damico, and
Tom & Mary Farley*

Sharron Ryan in celebration of her children, grandchildren and new great granddaughter

Ben and Gail Setzer in celebration of the birth of first their grandchild, in 2022

Craig & Bev Stichtenoth in celebration of God's Greatest Gift

Reba Sumner in honor of Caring for Creation Team and Garden of Grace workers

The Swordsma Family in memory of their grandparents and in honor of their parents

Steve Wattrick in memory of Susan Wattrick

Pam Weinelt in memory of Sylvia Exley

Eileen White in memory of her husband, George and family members

*Sandy and Terry Williams in memory of Miles James Olson and in celebration of Walker
William Punch*

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.
"Come as you are" (jeans, jammies — whatever!)

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?
WE WELCOME YOU!**

Our Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
We offer Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for ages 3 through adult, resuming January 8th.

Come Worship with Us!

Rev. Rosalina Rivera Pastor
Pam Weinelt..... Praise Team Coordinator

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