

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ \* ~ DECEMBER 24, 2021



# *Christmas Eve*

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*+If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated,  
please feel free to remain seated.*



Pre-Service Music

Lois Viebrock, Organist  
Jeannette VonHolten, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand as you are able*

Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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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:

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

*Refrain*  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

4 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*

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*

*Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr.  
Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. un-  
known, st. 2*

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath Christ Candle

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace,

**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a rumor of justice,

**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a whisper of hope,

**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a hint of love,

**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child,

**and we have faith his day is here.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... **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.**

*please be seated*

Processional Hymn

"O Come, Little Children"

1) O come little children  
O come one and all  
O come to the cradle  
In Bethlehem's stall  
The bright star will guide us  
And show us the way  
To Jesus who's lying  
Asleep on the hay

2) O come everybody  
O come to the stall  
With hearts full of love  
For this baby so small  
O sing little children  
To Him you adore  
O sing with the angels  
Sing peace evermore



*Following the program the children will return to sit with their families.*

Christmas Reading

Titus 2:11 - 14

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Words of Christmas Hope

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand as you are able*

Hymn

"The First Noel"

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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*

3 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*

4 This star drew near to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*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*

*Text: English Traditional*

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your prayer. **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

"Peace Has Come Down Tonight"

Choir

*Donated to Oaks Indian Mission and Lutheran Disaster Response  
designated for tornado relief from recent storms.*

*please stand as you are able*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.....God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. **Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

*please be seated*

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.  
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

## Communion Hymns

### "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr.  
John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

### "Angels We Have Heard On High"

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1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

#### *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

#### *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

#### *Refrain*

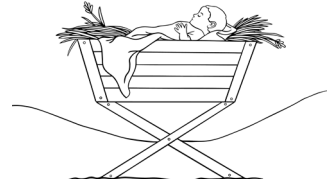
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy,  
*The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

*please stand as you are able*

#### Post-Communion Blessing

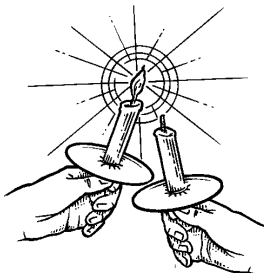
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### A Celebration Of The Light Of The World

*(When lighting the candle, dip the unlit candle to the lighted candle;  
then allow the next person to do the same from your lighted candle.)*



Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

**the Light no darkness can overcome.**

Come to us, Lord, on this holy night; let your light scatter the darkness.

**Come to us, Lord, and illumine your Church.**

The old has passed away; behold the new has come; bring light and life to our world as you foretold through the prophets,

**You have come to us and you call us out of darkness into your marvelous light!**

Hymn

"Silent Night"

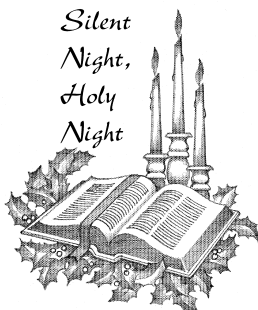
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1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles Schlaf; einsam wacht  
nur das heilige Eltern paar,  
das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,  
bei dem himmlischen kind,  
bei dem himmlischen kind.

2 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.

3 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!

4 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.



Blessing

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.**

*(extinguish candles)*



- 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.

*Let  
Heaven  
&  
Nature  
Sing!*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**



Have a  
Blessed  
Christmas

## Characters In Children's Program

Scripture Reader:

Shelby Nash, Bradyn Rehmer,  
Macy Luetjen & Luke Eckhoff

Narrator:

Ethan Goosen

Gabriel:

Leighton Tinney

Donkey:

Hudson Kullman

Mary:

Khloe Viebrock

Joseph:

Grant Kullman

Innkeeper:

Ben Goosen

Angels:

Kelsey Viebrock, Lena Smith  
Miranda Gerken, Charlotte Zeller,  
Nora Mullins & Lauren Jackson

Shepherds:

Logan Jackson, Jace Tinney,  
Matt Eckhoff & Tristan Fox

Wisemen:

Lane Smith, Kale Kreup & Freddie Goosen

The Star:

Lexi Goyette

Animals:

Ainsley Kullman, Kyler Tinney,  
Macoy Tinney, Noah Gerken,  
Tucker Nash, Cooper Oelrichs,  
Isaac Zeller, Mason Smith  
Cooper Rice & Korbin Kyle

~ \* ~ **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** ~ \* ~

Rev. Stephen Zeller, Pastor

Christmas Program Committee and Assistants: Emily Kullman, Anne Goosen and Tiffanay Nash.

Children and Parents for their dedication to practices and the program.

Russ Oelrichs, sound

Todd Rusk, projection screen

Luther League for lighting the candles

Lois Viebrock, organist

Jeannette VonHolten, pianist

St. Paul's Choir

Ushers, Altar Guild and Custodians for all their hard work.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**