

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Silent Night"

arr. Don Forrest

GALATIANS 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

OH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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:

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, 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**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

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

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Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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 GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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 street shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of
wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

LUKE 2:8-14

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

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

Refrain:

Glo - - - ria in excelsis Deo; Glo- - - ria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire
your heavenly song? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord,
the newborn king. **Refrain**

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

LUKE 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 him 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!

LESSON

HEBREWS 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

GOD JOINED US

Pastor Steve Brown

NICENE CREED

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 Scripture; 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 worshipped 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Let there Be Peace on Earth"

by Craig Courtney

HOLY COMMUNION

L: *(The Words of Institution)*

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.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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,
Heavenly 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.

BENEDICTION

L: In this year of great uncertainty, be certain that, in the birth of Jesus, God has joined us and adopted you into God's eternal family; in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its 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.

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.

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.

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.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POINSETTIAS

Thanks to all who provided the beautiful poinsettias to beautify our worship areas. You can pick up your plants during office hours
December 29 - December 31, 9 am to 3 pm.

Heidi Bowman	In memory of Bill Bowman In honor of Lily Bowman
Pr. Steve & Katie Brown	In memory of our parents, Jack and Clarice Brown Doc. and Carol Ebert In honor of Theodore James Wenstrup and Lincoln Alexander Brown and their beautiful mothers, Emily and Karen
Linda Caporale	In memory of her parents, William and Dorothy Schultz
Steve & Sandy Howard	In memory our moms
Jerry & Marilyn Keller	In memory of loved ones
Arnold Koehler	In memory of Margaret Koehler
Joyce Lloyd	In memory of her mother, Genevieve Hoff
Clyde & Mary Jane Magee	In memory of Anne Goodrich In honor of Our Lord, Jesus's birth
Mike & Holly Mauger	In memory of neighbor and friend, Nancy Thomas
Kathie & Linda Miller	In loving memory our parents, Raymond and Alberta Miller In loving memory our sister, Marilyn Miller In loving memory of our grandparents and Marvene and Doris Poth
Bob & Nadine Mehl	In memory of our parents In honor of our children and their families In honor of our dear friend, Betty Scibbe
Patrick & Julie Neary	In memory of Joseph Currington In memory of John and Veronica Neary
Tom & Susan Prosek	In honor of Helen Olah Broady In memory of Elmer and Julia Prosek, Rudolph Olah, Robert Broady and Judi Gilliland

Genevieve Richard

In memory of Suzanne Blank

In honor of our families

Benna Riebel & Family

In memory of Ken Riebel

Dennis Roeder

In loving memory of Doris Roeder

Dolores Roscow

In memory of Annelies Brevik

Kent & Cathy Sprunger

In honor of our parents, Dick and Nancy
John and Vonda

Chris Stuck

In memory of Dorothy Schultz

Thairajan and Stella

In honor of Mr. Rajamani, and
Mrs. Shaliny Angeline

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NEWS

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

This December are collecting non-perishable food items like cereal, peanut butter, and jelly for the Military Veterans Resource Center. Stop by the church to drop off your donations in the box by the office during business hours or on Sunday morning.

2021 DAILY TEXTS

With just one spare minute a day, you can begin a daily quiet time with the Lord using the 2021 DAILY TEXTS. The Daily Texts include short readings and a prayer for each day of the year. You can also read through the Bible using their one or two-year reading plans. Whether you are looking for a stocking stuffer or would like to explore the Bible more deeply, order your copy online at stlukecolumbus.com for \$5.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

- Mon, Dec. 21 - Thurs, Dec 24, 9-5 pm (lunch 12 - 1 pm)
 - Fri, Dec. 25 & Mon, Dec. 28, CLOSED
 - Tues, Dec. 29 - Thurs, Dec. 31, 9 am - 3 pm
 - Fri, Jan. 1, CLOSED Happy New Year!
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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Connect with our Sunday morning Bible Study, 10 am on Zoom. Discover how God's plan of redemption unfolds throughout Scripture and still today. Download the lesson guide and click join the Zoom meeting button from your Friday email newsletter. We will not meet Dec 27 or Jan 3.
