



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Hibbing, Minnesota

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022

3:30 & 5:30pm

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *The Joy of Christmas* Lani Smith Nadine Berg

Opening

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

And the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness

And illumine your church.

Gladsome light of the holy glory of the Immortal One, the heavenly Father, holy and blessed, Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit---God. Thou art worthy at every moment to be praised in hymns by reverent voices.

O Son of God, Thou art the giver of life; therefore all the world glorifies Thee.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #283 (ELW)

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)

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of peace, you rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in your word that we may bear your light to all the world.

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.**

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

#270 (ELW)

1. Hark! The Harold 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The Harold angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The Harold angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
3. 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.
Hark! The Harold angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Anthem	3:30pm: <i>The Star is Shining Still</i>	Dale Peterson	Temple Choir
	5:30pm <i>Wexford Carol</i>	arr by Philip Maue	Roy Berg

Reading

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from Titus.

¹¹The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#279 (ELW)

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.
2. 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!
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!

A reading from Luke.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HymnAngels We Have Heard on High*

#289 (ELW)

1. 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
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo

***Prayers of Intercession**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering*Away in a Manger*

alt. tune by Jonathan Spillman

Offertory*Away in a Manger*

#277 (ELW)

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.

Offering Prayer

Good and loving God, **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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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.

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

***The Lord's Prayer**

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Lamb of God

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1. I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!
Them like the sun the star shown forth, and angels sang on earth.
2. The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.
3. He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today;
And still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.
4. I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing;
He opens now for ev'ry child the palace of the king.
5. And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;
And that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

#282 (ELW)

1. It came upon the midnight clear, the glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its bable sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the wary road and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

#286 (ELW)

1. Your little ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
2. With songs we hasten you to greet, and kiss the ground before your feet.
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night that gave you birth, our soul's
delight.
3. Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.
4. Until at last we too proclaim, with all your saints, your glorious name;
In paradise our songs renew, and praise you as the angels do.

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, **with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Candlelight Service

*The ushers will light the candle of each person seated on the center aisle.
Please pass the light down the row by tipping only the unlit candle.*

*Candlelight Hymn

Silent Night

#281 (ELW)

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.
2. 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!
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.

*Benediction

God our Father fill you with the light of divine love.

Amen.

Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of the new day.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Joy to the World

#267 (ELW)

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. 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**

Go in peace. Christ is born. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Schop/Bach Nadine Berg

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Assisting with Worship Tonight:

Pastor: Kevin Olson

Acolytes: 3:30 – Mikko Glad/Ryan Norenberg

5:30 - Naomi Ronning/Spencer Ruzich

Lector: 3:30 Jeremy Schwarze

5:30 Dick Hemmersbaugh

Choir Director: Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Ushers: 3:30 - Keith Saralampi, Scott Fawkes, Fred & Phyllis Fawkes

5:30 - Roy & Ada Hobbs, Todd & Amy Rice, Matthew and Ryan

Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law

Altar Guild: Peggy Graham

Tonight's live radio broadcast at 3:30 pm is sponsored Peg Vidmar in memory of Rick, John and Chuckie Vidmar.

Christmas Eve radio broadcast will be played on Christmas Day at 10:30 am is sponsored by Norma and family in loving memory of Kenneth.