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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2022

12:00, 3:00, AND 5:00 PM

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

Opening Voluntaries

12:00 – *The First Noel*

12:00 – *Carol of the Bells*

NOWELL/John A. Behnke

Mykola Leontovich/Cathy Moglebust

The Bells of Peace

3:00 – *Christmas Bell Carol*

3:00 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

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The Orchestra of Peace

5:00 – *Three Songs for the Christ Child*

5:00 – *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*


Arranged: Lani Smith

English Melody/Lani Smith

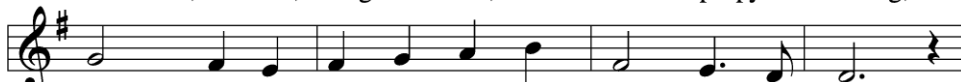
Organ/Piano Duet

*Processional Carol

LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;




come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!

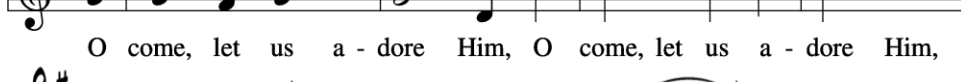


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



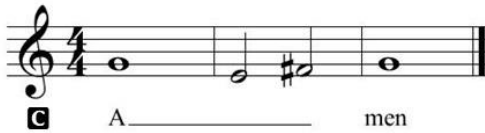
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Opening Sentences

Habakkuk 2:20

P In quiet joy! In quiet joy, we gather this day.

C **The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.**

P We gather from our busy lives, our hurried routines, the loud noises of life,

C **In quiet joy.**

P We bring our wearied bodies, our troubled hearts, our restless souls in hope,

C **In quiet joy.**

P God is here, the LORD is in His holy temple;

C **Let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

*Confession

P In the quiet of this moment, let us prepare ourselves, and confess our sin to God.

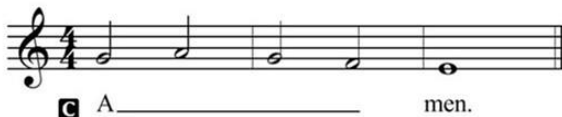
Silence for reflection.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some are known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

*Absolution

P In the quiet of this hour, by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Upon your confession, by the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. We rest now in His peace and in quiet joy.



***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”
The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.

***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia Carol

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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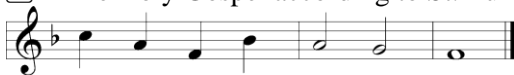


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*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Christmas Creed

[C] I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Carol of the Day

LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! 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 a 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 the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



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



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

Sermon

"Kings and Shepherds"

(Luke 2:1-20)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

12:00 – *Away In A Manger*

James Murray/Cathy Moglebust

Bells of Peace

3:00 – *What Child Is This?*

GREENSLEEVES/Jeff Cranfill

Orchestra of Peace

5:00 – *What Child Is This?*

GREENSLEEVES/James Mansfield

Organ/Piano Duet

*Offertory

LSB 370 *What Child Is This?*

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

*Prayer of the Church

*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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

*Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Carol

LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless-ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Interlude

12:00 – *Still, Still, Still*

Bells of Peace

German Carol/Cathy Moglebust

3:00 – *The Joy of Christmas*

The Orchestra of Peace

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

5:00 – *Canon In D*

Organ/Piano Duet

Johann Pachelbel

Distribution Carol

LSB 364 Away in a Manger



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


The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Distribution Carol

LSB 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

After all have communed

***Carol**

LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



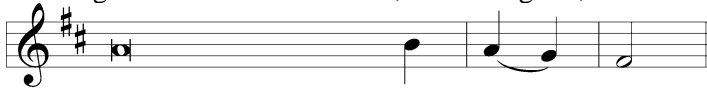
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

***Thanksgiving**

[P] O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



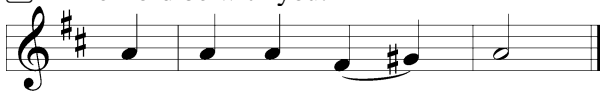
[C] and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

[P] Let us pray. . .



[C] A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!

*Carol

LSB 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

12:00 – *Angels From The Realms of Glory*

Bells of Peace

REGENT SQUARE/Sandra Eithun

3:00 – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Orchestra of Peace

MENDELSSOHN/Jeff Cranfill

5:00 – *Hallelujah Chorus*

Organ/Piano Duet

George Frederic Handel/Lani Smith

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Choirs: 12:00: Bells of Peace
3:00: Orchestra of Peace
5:00: Kendra Ruesler, piano

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO Announcer/Engineer: Bob Mullen/Dennis Gerfen

Elders: 12:00: Rick Goodman, Greg Wirtel
3:00: Jeff Akers, Bob Wolff
5:00: Aaron Baese, Dave Carlson

Ushers: 12:00: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Dean Rahn
3:00: Chris Hosty, Ben Lattina, Jeff Orf, Douglas Verseman, Robert Wolff
5:00: Bill Petrovic, Kevin Beutelmann, Don Hopkins, Gary Stinnett

Altar Comm: 12:00: Tammy Goodman
3:00: Mary Eaton
5:00: Grace Truemper