



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

- 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:

Refrain

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

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

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

P: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us,
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Our time of waiting for the Christ Child is over. We gather to hear Good News of great
joy.

C: We come to worship Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem, who is the light of the world.

P: As we gather in wonder and praise, let us welcome Christ the new born king.

C: We welcome him into our hearts, our homes, and our world.

P: We light this candle to banish the shadows of fear from our lives. This night, God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus.

C: We light this candle and give thanks for Jesus, the child who has come to lead us.

A Child Will Come

Keep watch in the night for the heav - en - ly light that
tells of the Sav - ior's birth. _____ An - gels will sing of the
love that he brings when the Prince of Peace comes to earth. _____

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: 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.

Anthem (3:00PM)

“Christmas Joy” – Karen Crane

Children’s Choir

Anthem (5:30PM)

“Songs of Bethlehem” – Martin

Adult Choir

Anthem (10:00PM)

“Christmas Hallelujah”

Duet

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

ELW #289 vs 1&3

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.

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

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

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

- 1 Hark! The herald 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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald 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! *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Children's Message

Sermon (Noon, 3:00PM) "Jesus: The Best Christmas Gift" Pastor Kathy

Sermon (5:30PM, 10:00PM) "The Good News We Need" Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day "Go Tell it on the Mountain" ELW #290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
 over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 go tell it on the mountain
 that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
 o'er silent flocks by night,
 behold, throughout the heavens
 there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
 when, lo, above the earth
 rang out the angel chorus
 that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
 the humble Christ was born;
 and God sent us salvation
 that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of God's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

ELW #294 vs 3

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can give him—give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Offertory Prayer

C: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

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 our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Sharing of the Light

God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.

Hymn of Light

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

ELW #281

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,
heav'nly 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-
1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-
1885

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



In Our Prayers This Week:

Merrle Asleson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Aurora Hoffmann, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Larry Hunstad, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Ann Julien, Kain Kittleson, Dave Marsh, Adam Nelson, Tom Postel, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Linda Wieland, Paul Wilker

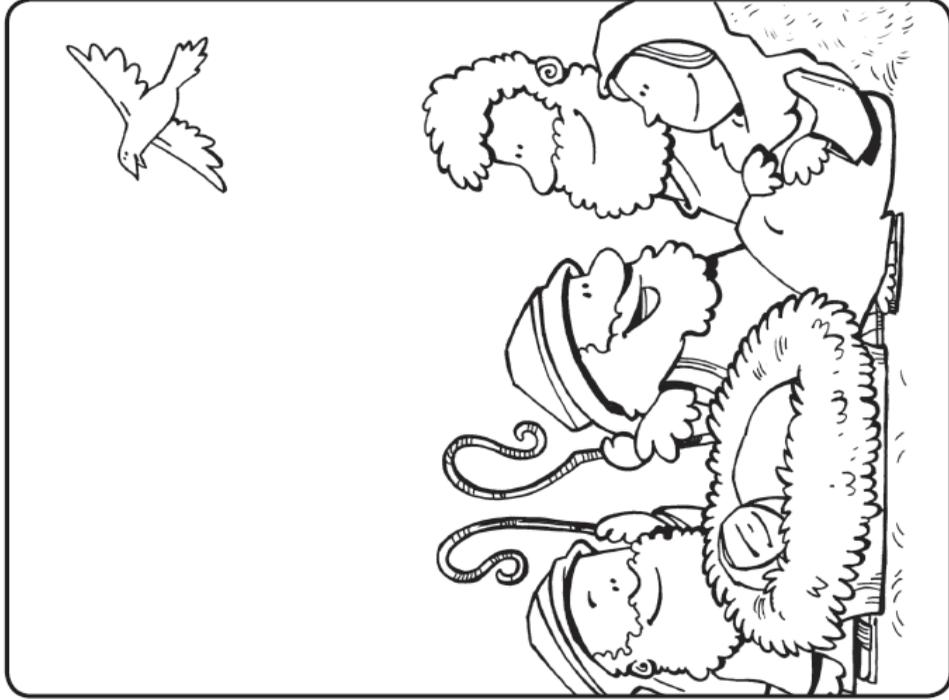
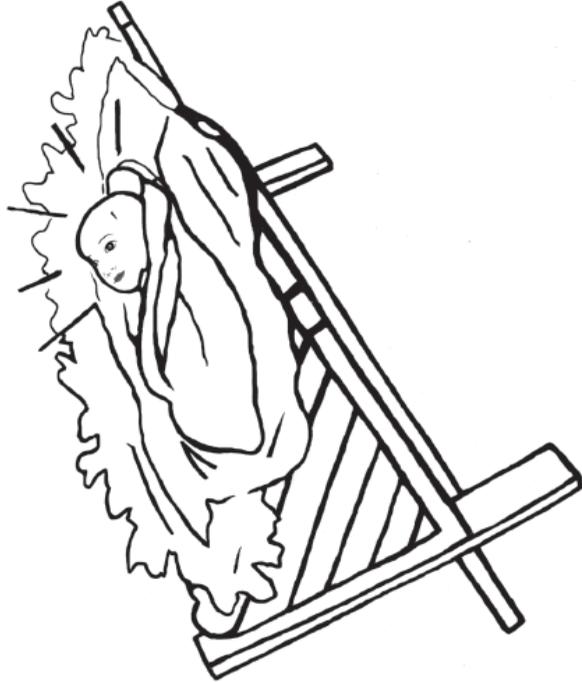


PRE-READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**.
- On Christmas we **celebrate the birth** of baby Jesus.
- Christmas is **Jesus' birthday!**

Here is a picture of baby Jesus in the manger. Because it is Jesus' birthday, decorate this scene with balloons and streamers to help celebrate!



Those in the stable praised God for all they had seen and heard. Jesus was born!

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CHRISTMAS EVE

POINSETTIAS



In Memory Of

Given By

Willard & Irma Hulke, and Arden & Sistie Smith	Jim & Jayne Hulke
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Eulalia Sunderman, and Rachel Sunderman Drill	Tom, Melissa, Madison & Parker
Miles Hanson	Jim & Andrea Hanson
Leo F. Schugel	Martha Schugel
Mary Burghardt, Our Friend	Don & Eunice Olson
Bob Runck, and Dan Runck	Helen Runck

In Honor of

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Our Grandsons, Holden & Hartmann	Bob & Brenda Gruenhagen
My Family	Dorothy Gramstad
Family	Sharon & Dennis Nordby
My brother, Jim	Judy Ganske
Our Grandkids – Emma, Mathias, Luke, Marit & Lily	Ken & Carolyn Varland

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Choir Director: Madeline Cacciatore
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 (5:30) Alyssa Nissen (10:00) Judy Ganske
Lector: (Noon) Joan Krikava (3:00) Bert Marth
 (5:30) Maxine Remme (10:00) Judy Ganske
Communion Server: (Noon) Joan Krikava (3:00) Jen Geiger
 (5:30) Deb Kaehler (10:00) Marlene Ingebritson
Ushers: (Noon) Chip Rasche, Ashley Rasche
 (3:00) Candy Roiger, Bob Apitz
 (5:30) Ted Sauers, Orville Rannow
 (10:00) John Ingebritson
Duet: Terra Kathman, Shannon Stuckey

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12/19 General Offering	\$ 12,492.10	\$ 437,153.53	\$ 444,363.00
12/19 Building Fund	\$ 1,719.00	\$ 54,498.00	\$ 64,107.00
TOTAL:	\$ 14,211.10	\$ 491,651.53	\$ 508,470.00
12/19 World Hunger	\$ 104.00	\$ 7,159.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	FB Live Views	10:30AM Sun.
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