



Christmas Eve

# 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*

## Call to Worship

P: On this holiest of nights,

**C: we join the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.**

P: On this most silent night,

**C: we join our hopes and dreams with those of Mary and Joseph.**

P: On this night of carols and candlelight,

**C: we join our glad songs with the choirs of angels over us.**

## Greeting

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.**

## 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 (*Noon*)

**"O Holy Night"**

**Madeline Cacciatore-Warta**

Anthem (*3:00*)

**"Who Will Welcome Him?" – arr. Althouse**

**Wednesday LinC†**

Anthem (*5:00*)

**"David's Royal City" – arr. Larson**

**Adult Choir**

## Word

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

## Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for

the fire. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"**

**ELW #271 vs 1&2**

1 I am so glad each Christmas Eve,  
the night of Jesus' birth!  
Then like the sun the star shone 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.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter two.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When 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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The 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

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW #289

- 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*

- 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

## Children's Message

**Sermon (Noon, 3:00)**

**"Good News"**

**Pastor Kathy**

**Sermon (5:00)**

**"Perplexed and Pondering"**

**Pastor Dave**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"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.

### Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,                      **C: Hear our prayer.**

### Sharing God's Peace

### Offertory

### Offertory Song

### "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

**ELW #286 vs 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.

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### Offertory Prayer

**C: God our provider, by your merciful hand, abundance springs up from the earth.  
Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you. Let them be a sign of your  
steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through 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 Hymns

**ELW #277, #279, #296, #298, #282**

### 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.



Benediction

Dismissal

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson,  
Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Nicole Hubert, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke,  
Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer,  
George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert,  
Marge Schmidt, Ruth Skoglund

# POINSETTIAS



## In Memory Of

## Given By

|  |   |
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| Vic & Mavis Davis  | Sheri Davis                                       |
| Beth Remme Flick and Loved Ones  | Harold & Maxine Remme                             |
| Emilio Medina  | Lindsay, Kane, and Kru Medina                     |
| Joan Peterson and Our Parents  | Ron Peterson                                      |
| Ron Hulke  | Sharon Hulke                                      |
| Harvey Lilleodden  | LaDonna Lilleodden                                |
| Our Parents and Other Loved Ones   | Jim & Deb Bastian                                 |
| Mimi Ringdal (Alyssa's Grandmother)  | Dave & Alyssa Nissen                              |
| Emilio Medina  | Kevin & Linda Wieland                             |
| Paul Wendinger and Andy Wendinger  | Joleen Wendinger                                  |
| Husband & Father, Art Gramstad   | Dorothy Gramstad and Darlene Meier                |
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| Lola & Walter Hagen, Lucy & Darell Apitz                                     | MarySue & Bob Apitz                               |
| Jim Robinson and Michele Walters   | Jeremy Robinson & Ginny Walters                   |
| Our Parents and Thomas   | Linda Postel and Family                           |
| Bob, Tom, Sara, Don, and Velma   | Ann Iverson                                       |
| Del Kosbab   | His Family  |
| Al Meyer   | Treacy, Jake & Jessica, and Molly & Jeremy        |
| Ryan Busch   | John, Julie, and Nick Busch                       |
| Ted Sauers and Our Parents   | Betty Sauers, Travis & Family, and Traci & Family |
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| Stan Bastian, My Parents, and Brother  | Judy Bastian                                      |

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|   | Leonard & LeAnn Booth, Troy Booth and Family, LaTasha Knabe and Family |
| Harlan Mammen   | Darnelle and Family  |

**In Honor Of**

**Given By**

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|---|---|
| Family  | Sharon & Dennis Nordby                      |
| Our Grandsons   | Bob & Brenda Gruenhagen                     |
| Goddaughter, Eloise Nissen                              | Becca Warta                                 |
| Joey Warta & Madeline Cacciatore-Warta                  | Becca Warta                                 |
| Our Grandchildren                                       | Gary & Candy Roiger, and Bonnie Mangan      |
| Our Grandsons Crosby and Case Stoebe, Jack Carroll      | Dan & Julie Carroll                         |
| Samantha, Josh, Brianna, Eli, Derek, Molly, and Michael | Sharon Riser                                |
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Rosalee Daugherty



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**Director of Music Ministries:** Tom Maidl

**Choir Director:** Madeline Cacciatore-Warta

**Pianist:** Tom Maidl

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(3:00) Darlene Meier  
(5:00) Alyssa Nissen

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(3:00) Khloe Cariveau, Zoey Havemeier  
(5:00) Nevaeh Brown, Kathryn Riebe

**Lector:** (Noon) Brenda Nielsen  
(3:00) Jake Haynes  
(5:00) Deb Kaehler

**Communion Server:** (Noon)  
(3:00) Lisa Larson  
(5:00) Deb Kaehler

**Ushers:** (Noon)  
(3:00) Kevin Wieland, Jim Schmidt, Bob Apitz, Cooper Berg, Kenny Berg  
(5:00) Kitty Rader, Hunter Rolloff

**Greeters:** (Noon)  
(3:00)  
(5:00) Bill & Judy McLean

**P/P:** (Noon)  
(3:00)  
(5:00) Dyan Miller

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