

December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve



MUSIC: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & CANDLE LIGHTING

L Friends: Hope is:

All 'Being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.'

Light the candle of HOPE

L Peace is:

All The wolf lying down with the lamb - a gift we can give each other.

Light the candle of PEACE

L Joy is:

All The space between our breath and our laughter – contagious.

Light the candle of JOY

L Love is:

All Unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.

Light the candle of LOVE

L Christmas is:

**All A love song to the world. The light that shines in the darkness.
Let us make a joyful noise!**

Light the CHRIST candle

L Let us worship God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P We are a forgetful people. It is why we need these candles, these visual reminders of the HOPE, LOVE, and PEACE of God. As a distracted and often absent people, let us confess our sins to a merciful God who is always present, never forgetful, and eternally gracious. *Brief Silence*

P Loving God, we are a forgetful people.
We confess that we want reconciliation to be quick and easy.

All Remind us of the long walk to Bethlehem.

P We are tempted to overlook the outcasts in society.

All Remind us of the shepherds and their faithful witness.

P We expect that you will move in us, without seeking you on our end.

All Remind us of the magi – the way they searched for you, and the gifts they brought.

P We get caught up in the business of our days.

All Remind us of Mary and how she treasured sacred moments in her heart.

P We wake up thinking only of ourselves.

All Remind us of the daily choice we have to open our doors to people in need.

P We fail to hear the voices of the young and the old.

All Remind us that Mary and Joseph were young, and that your Son was brought into this world as a baby.

P We lose our way, forgetting to seek you.

All Remind us to look up, to look for your guiding light.

P We are a forgetful people

All Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

P Brothers and sisters, friends in Christ, hear the good news:
“To you is born, this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” God is here, God is love, and God loves you. You will never walk alone. You are forgiven.

All Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O God of hope,

All You came into a world that is far from peace, and bad at love, and still you are here. So as we gather together on this Christmas night, we pray that you will put strength in our bones and your spirit of joy in our hearts, so that we might fight for peace, love with zeal, and live in gratitude. We are so grateful. In your Holy and loving name we pray. Amen.

MUSIC: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

¹ *Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

Glo - - - ria in excelsis deo; Glo - - - ria 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.*

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SCRIPTURE: 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.

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC: *Mary, Did You Know*, Soloist, Chelsey Anfinson

SHARING OF PEACE – OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRAYERS & SONG - *What Child Is This*, Soloist, Jenna Rogness

P Friends, we gather now for a time of prayer.
In a few moments, I will invite you to lift up both the concerns
weighing heavy on your heart
as well as deep joys and celebrations.
When prompted, please speak your prayers out loud,
and as we listen to one another,
may we know that God is listening too.
Through song and spoken words, let us pray:

♪ *“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?”*

P Loving God, as we look inward,
toward our own community and personal lives,
we are keenly aware of our deep need for you,
as well as the countless ways you have already blessed us.
We offer our prayers for our local community to you now. . .

♪ *“So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.”*

P Holy God, our world is crying out
from near and far, groaning in pain.
Thus, we come to you, voicing concerns
for our world, your good creation, and the people in it.
We offer our prayers for our world to you now. . .

♪ *“This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

P God, we forget the birth of your son, Jesus Christ,
all too quickly, getting caught up
in our own business, bad news, and worry.
Despite our forgetfulness,
you claim us and we are yours.
So please hear our voices,

raised in beautiful and diverse unity.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

P Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.

All Amen.

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

All Thanks be to God.

MUSIC: JOY TO THE WORLD

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 world, 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.*

POSTLUDE: *Flugelhorn, Mike Aldorfer*

PARTICIPANTS

PASTORS: Julie Rogness ASSISTANT: Bill Lewis ACCOMPANIST: Annette Thunhorst
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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CALENDAR

Thu/Dec 24	3:00	Chr Eve Pre-Recorded Worship
Thu/Dec 24	4:30	Church Parking Lot – More information below
Sun/Dec 27	9:00	Pre-Recorded SE MN Synod Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Silent Night, Holy Night – Christmas Eve worship will be pre-recorded and available at **3 PM** on Christmas Eve. At **4:30** - join us in the parking lot -- **or Live on First Lutheran Facebook Page** -- for a reading of the Christmas Story, a live nativity, Holy Communion and the singing of Silent Night. Bring a flashlight or a candle & lighter as we social distance in our vehicles.

MORE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPTIONS . . .

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP presented by **St. Paul Area Synod & St. Paul Reformation**

Available early on Christmas Morning, Friday December 25. View the service on --
Synod Website: spas-elca.org or Facebook Page: [saintpaulareasynod](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulareasynod)

CONCORDIA COLLEGE-MOORHEAD – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - WORSHIP RECORDING

View on Concordia Website: concordiacollege.edu

NEW "Christ In Our Home" DEVOTION BOOKS Available

Pick one up at your convenience without entering the church. Find them in the closed tote container **Outside** the Handicapped Entrance. Please snap lid closed after taking a devotional.



2020 CHRISTMAS PLANTS



In Memory of Pastor Burnis Rogness, Marcia Rogness. Given by Dan & Julie Rogness.

In Honor of the Congregation. Given by Dan & Julie Rogness.

In Memory of Joseph & Arvella Braaten. Given by James Braaten & Family.

In Memory of Ernie & Irene Spidahl, Henry & Lily Robinson, Ed & Judy Robinson, Jeanie & Jerry Thorpe, and Paul Robinson. Given by Wayne & Marie Spidahl.

In Memory of Gordon & Terry Homeier. Given by Sharon Homeier & Families.

In Memory of Jerome Berg & Baby Girl Berg, and Henry & Effie Anderson.

Given by the Clauson Family, Jerry Berg, the Rasmussen Family and Marilyn & Max.

In Memory of Harold & Marie Mortensen and Harvey Bergh. Given by John & Jackie Mortensen.

In Honor of Ilene Bergh, and **In Honor** of Grandsons: Stellan Summers, Oliver & Harvey Bauer. Given by John & Jackie Mortensen.

In Memory of Beverly & Ingram Nesseth. Given by Brad & Carm Nesseth.

In Memory of Arnold & Florence Carlson and Wally Hildebrandt. Given by Kevin, Renee, Sarah & Natalie Hildebrandt.

In Memory of J. Howard Held. Given by Julie & family.

In Memory of John Herrlich. **In Memory** of Joy Herrlich. Given by Don & Candy Herrlich Family.

In Honor of our children and grandchildren. Given by Dennis & Cora Lee Monroe.

Our grateful thanks for your gifts



HE CAME DOWN

that we may have

love ☆ light ☆ peace ☆ joy

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

*Christmas Eve
Worship Bulletin*

