



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021 ~ 4:15 pm

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God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

C: And also with you.

+ PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: Great and Loving God, on this holy day we worship you and give thanks for your newborn child, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings light to our darkness. Let the light of Jesus' love shine upon us all, so that we together may reflect the love of Christ into the whole world. Amen.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song



ANTHEM

O Come, Little Children

arr. by Lloyd Larson

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

READING

Luke 2:1-7

In those days, Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole Roman world. This first census took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All the people were instructed to go back to the towns of their birth to register. And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to "the city of David" — Bethlehem in Judea, because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David; he went to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she put him in a simple cloth wrapped like a receiving blanket, and laid him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no room for them at the inn.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Away in a Manger

*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.*

READING

Luke 2:8-14

There were shepherds in the area living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid. The angel said to them, "You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you — news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David's city, a savior — the Messiah — has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you'll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in high heaven! And on earth, peace to those on whom God's favor rests."

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

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

*Refrain (Ring bells): Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

READING

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see this event that God has made known to us." They hurried and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw this, they reported what they had been told concerning the child. All who heard about it were astonished at the report given by the shepherds. Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds went away glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain (*Refrain-ring bells*)

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

SERMON

CAROL

On Christmas Night

*On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful king's birth.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



+ PEACE

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

MUSICAL OFFERING

Before the Marvel of this Night
Joanna Deer, piano

arr. by Jeremy Young

SETTING THE TABLE HYMN **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*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 (Ring bells): Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

arr. Paul Stever, using FOREST GREEN



L: May God be with you on this day. C: May God be with you too.



L: Lift up your hearts with gra - ti - tude, C: with joy they ov - er - flow.



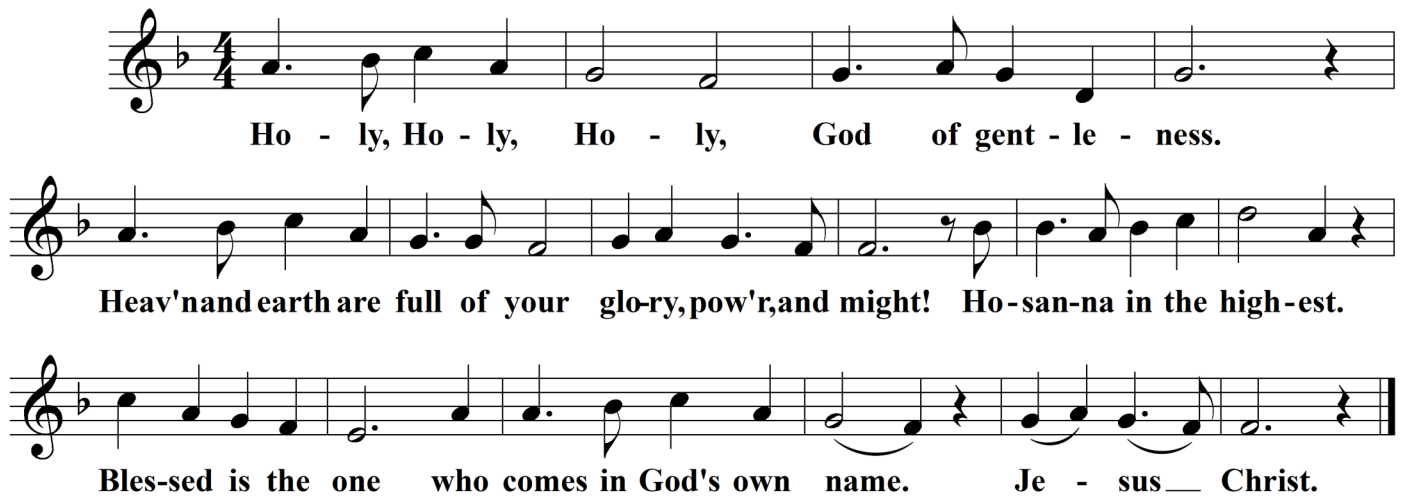
L: Let us now and al - ways give God thanks. C: This is right and just to do.



L: That all the world may know God's love. C: A - men, let it be so.

SANCTUS

arr. Paul Stever, using CRANHAM



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of gent - le - ness.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, pow'r, and might! Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bles-sed is the one who comes in God's own name. Je - sus — Christ.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

L: And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying: God with us, Our Mother,
 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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION CAROLS

**I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve
 O Little Town of Bethlehem
 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

ELW No 271
 ELW No 279
 ELW No 282

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world



+ INVITATION TO CANDLELIGHTING

+ CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

Silent Night

ELW No 281

*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.*

*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!*

*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.*

+ CANDLELIGHT PRAYER/BLESSING

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW № 267

*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.*

*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.*

+ DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

I Am so Glad Each Christmas Eve

arr. by Edwin T. Childs

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

December 26	9:30 am	First Sunday of Christmas – worship in person and on FB Live
January 2	9:30 am	Second Sunday of Christmas – worship with Holy Communion in person and on FB Live
January 9	9:30 am	Epiphany of Our Lord – worship in person and on FB Live with guest music group Salsa Del Soul
	6:51 pm	Celtic Contemplative Communion – in person only
January 12	6:30-8:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsals resume
January 16	9:30 am	Baptism of Our Lord – worship with Holy Communion in person and on FB Live
January 23	9:30 am	Third Sunday after Epiphany – worship in person and on FB Live
	6:51 pm	Contemplative Prayer from Nordic and Other Lands (prelude at 6:45 pm)

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Pilgrim is looking for a director for our Jubilee (1st-3rd grade) and Cherub Choirs (preK/K). We're planning for Jubilee and Junior Choir (4-8 grade, Maggie Priola, dir.) to resume Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 5:15pm.

Please contact Paul Stever at SteverPaul55@aol.com for more information



ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pastor Chris Smith

Presiding Ministers – Pastor Jen Rome

Music Director, Organist, and Pianist – Paul Stever

Cross Bearer – Mark Hirschboeck

Torch Bearer – Ella Kahnert

Point for Pilgrims – Pastor Jen Rome

Reader – Barbara Taylor

Prayers – Dingle/Sween Family

Greeters/Ushers – Claudia Gordon, Kris Lavik

Audio/Video Support – John Lavik

Facebook Hospitality – Kristen Donaldson

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