

O Come Let Us Adore Him



**Christmas Eve Service  
5:00 pm  
December 24, 2023**



Christ Lutheran Church  
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**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS** who worship with us today. We are glad you are here and we invite you to worship with us again and often. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Christ Lutheran Church. Please sign the attendance card and place it in the offering plate.

### **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ is the host at the table of Holy Communion and invites all to come. Here the real presence of Jesus meets us in the form of bread and wine. In this sacrament he offers himself to us for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The prelude is a time to prepare for worship. When the prelude begins, please enter the sanctuary prayerfully and reverently. Please silence your cell phones and take this time to quiet your minds and voices.

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# The Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Eve



**Prelude:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*Christmas Medley*  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*Christmas Duet*

Petra Limbong  
Sarah Brace  
Samual Limbong  
Hannah Limbong &  
Sarah Youngman

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** God of peace,

**C** we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**P** In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

*(Share God's Peace with one another.)*

## Oh Come All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fidelis*

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Oh come, let us adore him, Oh come let us adore him,

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

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest:

Oh come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him,

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Oh come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him,

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



## Apostolic Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

# Joy To The World

*Antioch*

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace

and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Prayer of the day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. .

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.

*Sit*

## Children's sermon

## 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 The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Regent Square*

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.



## Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

*Go Tell It*

*Refrain*

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

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

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

## Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you oh Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you oh Christ.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.



*Sit*

**Sermon:** Good News Of Great Joy For All People

*Stand*

## Love Has Come

*Un Flambeau*

Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

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Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.

Love is God now asleep in the hay.

See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;

Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## Prayers

*Sit*

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**Harp Offertory:** *O Holy Night*

*Mana Nagase*

## Offering Prayer

A Good and loving God,

C We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

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.

## Preface

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

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!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “glory to the newborn king!”



## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

P You are invited to join hands with those next to you as we connect with God, one another and the world as we pray the 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.

*Sit*

*Stand*

### Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Make  
a *Joyful* noise unto the *Lord*  
Psalm 98:4

## Candle Lighting *(To avoid wax spills keep lit candles upright)*

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while  
mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and  
praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!



## Gospel of Light: John 1:1-5, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



# Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Stille Nacht*

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,  
heavn'ly hosts sing, alleluia!  
\*Christ, the Savior, is born!  
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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.

*(\*Lift your candle up)*

## Benediction

## Dismissal

A Making Christ Known. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*

J.S. Bach

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Pastor Limbong days off are Friday and Saturday  
*(Except during an emergency.)*

Merry Christmas 2023  
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Happy New Year 2024

