

Christmas Morning Worship

December 25, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord. - Luke 2:11

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;"

Prelude

Opening Carol: "Wexford Carol" – Elaine Hagenberg

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: All God's people – Boys and girls, women, men:

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels;

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort.

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

* Opening Carol: LUYH#76 v. 1,3,4 "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;

Refrain

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

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

Refrain

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

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min. Hope Publishing Company; CCLI #678905

* The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

* Carol: LUYH #92 v. 1,2,4 "Joy to the World"

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. 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.
4. 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.

Psalm 98; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719, P.D;

Music: Lowell Mason, 1948, P.D. CCLI #678905

* God's Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

*(During the mutual greeting those lighting the Advent candle
are invited forward)*

*"Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"*

Advent Candle Reading

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration

The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2:8-20

* Carol: LUYH #81 v. 1-3 *“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”*

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
you, who sang creation’s story,
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!*

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Words: James Montgomery, 1816, alt., P.D.; Music: Henry Smart, 1867, P.D.

*(During the singing of the last verse the children
are invited forward for the Children’s Message)*

Children’s Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

* *Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #61v. 1,2,4,7*
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

4. O come, thou branch of Jesse's stem,
unto thine own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

7. O come, desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of peace.

Refrain

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*"Joyful, all ye nations rise;
join the triumph of the skies;"*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:1-5a, Luke 2:8-14

Prayer of Illumination

Christmas Meditation – **"King of Peace"**

Time of Prayer

Song of Reflection: "All is Well" – Sheri Link

* *Hymn of Application*: LUYH #80 v. 1-3

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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“With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

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Offertory

Closing Prayer

* Benediction:

The joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Magi,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the **peace** of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

* Parting Praise: LUYH #84 "Ere Zig God"

Ere zij God! Ere zij God in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
vrede op aarde,
in de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen, in de mensen,
een welbehagen, een welbehagen.
Ere zij God! Ere zij God in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen. Amen. Amen.

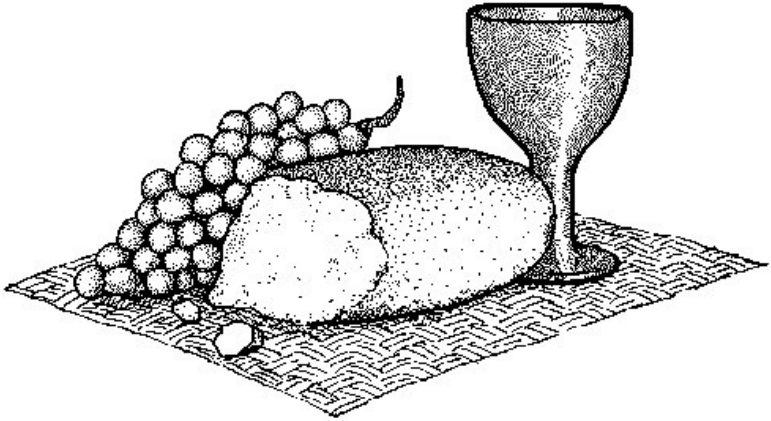
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in.
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
peace be on earth, to the people,
to the people whom God delights in,
to the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in.
Amen. Amen.

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* Postlude

Next Week is Communion Sunday!

***God meets us in the sacraments,
holy acts that call for our response...***



***In the supper our Lord offers
the bread and cup to believers to
guarantee our share in his
death and resurrection,
and unite us to him and to each other.***

***We take this food gladly,
announcing as we eat
that Jesus is our life
and that He shall come again
to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.***

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