

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 9PM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

As a community called by Christ, we live our faith by loving and serving all creation

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Prelude

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Song

O Holy Night

Lori Dredske

Please stand as you are able

Greeting

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1, 2, 3

#283

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song*

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 & 4

#279

Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

Carol of the Angels

Choir

Please stand as you are able

Welcoming the Gospel **"Angels We Have Heard On High"** v. 1

#289

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.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-20

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Gospel Response

To us is born a Savior.

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Linda Winkelman

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

Prayers

Petition response: **receive our prayer.**

. . .Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Christ*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Mary's Boy Child

Andy Seeger

Presentation of Gifts **"What Child Is This"** vs. 1, 3

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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?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Offering Prayer

God of heaven and earth,

from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts,

received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Words of Promise

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . .

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Please be seated

Communion *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

Communion Songs

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #282
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Anthem Mary Did You Know Choir

Please stand as you are able

SENDING *We prepare to go forth in Jesus' name*

Candle Lighting John 1/Genesis 1 reading *light candles when hear word "light"*

Hymn of Light "Silent Night" #281

Blessing

. . . today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.

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Christmas Blessings!

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Worship Leaders

Terry and Loretta Williams – Ushers/greeters
Cora Dredske and Lydia Ward – Acolytes
Bill Clark – Reader
Lori Dredske and Andy Seeger – Vocalists
Barb Grenawalt, Beth Noble, Stephanie Schneider – Hand Bell Ringers
Steve Mentele – Choir Director
Robin Hoefler – Pianist
Linda Winkelman - Pastor

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

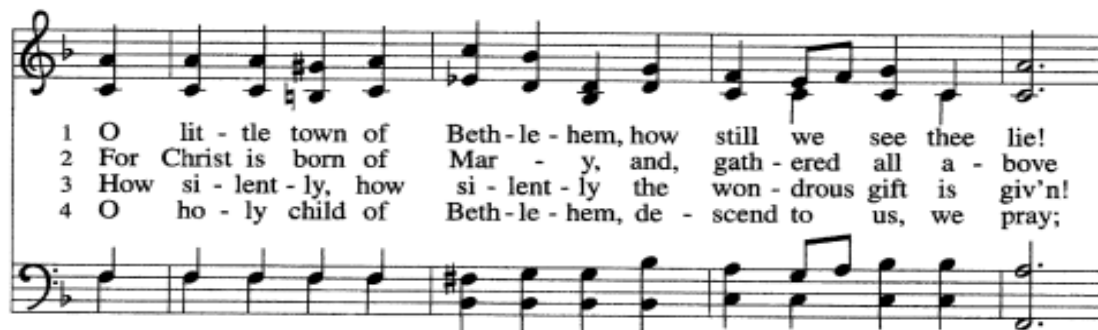
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

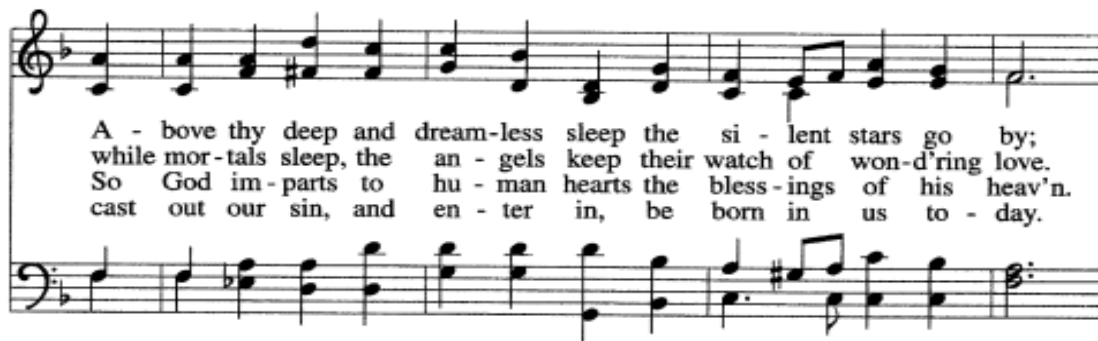
Refrain
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

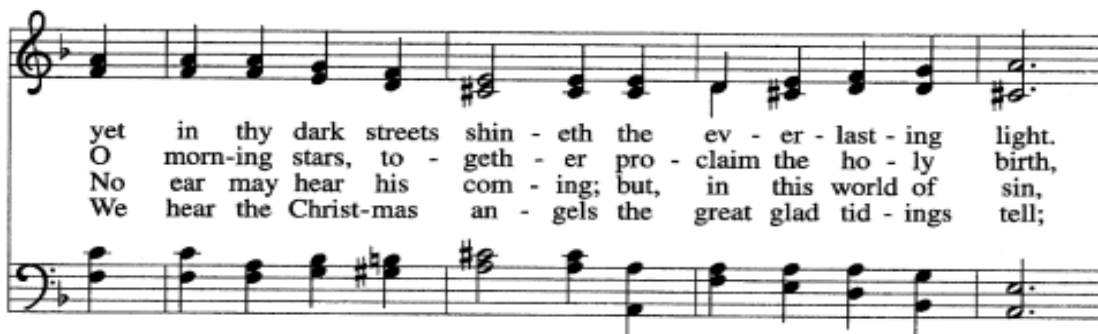
O Little Town of Bethlehem



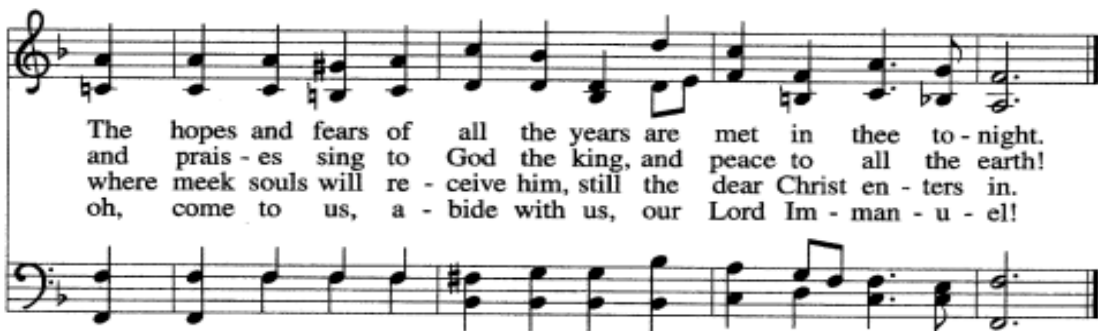
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Love Has Come



- 1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

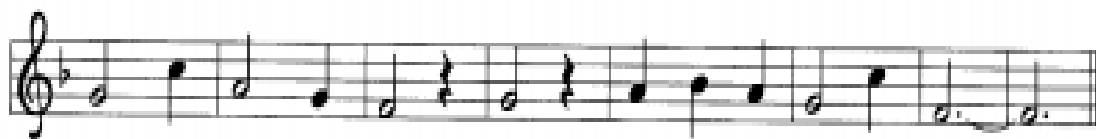


Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

CHRISTMAS



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
 Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

CAROL
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Thank you for giving poinsettias in honor and memory of loved ones this Christmas

Red Poinsettias placed:

In memory of Ruth Clark by Bill Clark

To the Glory of God by Bill Clark

To the Glory of God by Jim & Vicky Cleland

In honor of family and friends by Lucy Dack, Tonja, Heather & families

In memory of Judy Ferger by John Ferger

In memory of Don Hale by Kay Hale

In honor of our grandchildren William, Grant, Aubrey & Evan by Ken & Amy Hildebrandt

In honor of our mothers Betty Walter & Ann Hildebrandt-Stade by Ken & Amy Hildebrandt

In memory of James R. Lee by Agnes Lee

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Carl & Kathy Martin

In memory of Martha Puckerud by Robert Pedersen

In honor of our grandchildren: Emma, Elissa, Lidija, & Valdon by Gary & Teresa Sommers (2)

In memory of our parents Jack & Betty Stoney, Charlane Gibney and our grandparents Henry & Helen Friske, Glenn & Dorothy Gibney, John & Antoinette Stoney by Michel & Judy Stoney

To the Glory of God by Ray & Chris Vance

In memory of Chester & June Peterson by Steve & Pastor Linda Winkelman

In memory of Swede & Jessie Winkelman by Steve & Pastor Linda Winkelman

In honor of the Jefferson Prairie Choir & Bell Choir by Randy & Meredith Williams

In honor of the Sunday School by Randy & Meredith Williams

In honor of Randy & Meredith Williams from their grandchildren

In honor of Terry & Loretta Williams from their nieces and nephews

Marble Poinsettias placed:

In memory of Joan & Elmer Beyer

In memory of Ruth Clark

In memory of Ernie Dack by Lucy, Tonja, Heather & families

In memory of Mary Kueter by Alec, Kelsey & Eric Kueter

In memory of James R Lee by Agnes M Lee

In memory of Sally Jo Olsen

In memory of Martha Puckerud

In memory of Richard & Ardis Knutson by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

In honor of our children & grandchildren by Don & Hope Seeger

In honor of our parents & grandparents by Don & Hope Seeger

In honor of our children: Ashley & Shane Beamon, Brittany & Jarrod Fletcher, and grandson Jackson Michael Fletcher by Michael & Judy Stoney

In memory of Betty Thompson and in honor of Jim Thompson

In memory of William (Bill) Walter by the Walter family

Pink Poinsettias placed:

In memory of Judy Ferger by John Ferger

In honor of our church leadership by Ken & Amy Hildebrandt

In memory of Bill & Dolores Schneider by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

White Poinsettias placed:

In honor of Linda Tolson by Kris & Tom Sanderson

In honor of Shirley Carlson by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

In honor of Carol Hahn from her Sunday School students (young and old)

In honor of Robin Hoefer for sharing her musical gifts through playing and teaching piano

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Carl & Kathy Martin

In memory of Martha Puckerud by Robert Pedersen

In honor of our nieces & nephews & their families by Terry & Loretta Williams

In honor of our grandchildren by Terry & Loretta Williams

In memory of Richard & Elinore, Herman & Jettie, Henry & Ella by Terry & Loretta Williams (2)