

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025



4 p.m. Worship
Augustana Lutheran Church
Pastor *Amy Kelly*
Accompanist *Kaele Peterson*

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. (*stand if able)*

PRELUDE AND MUSICAL SELECTIONS

We thank those who provided special music today.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: The world outside is dark, but the Light of World is here.

C: The light of the world is Jesus our Savior. Tonight we celebrate his birth

P: We light our Christ Candle as a sign of the long-promised light that is broken through the darkness. We are reminded of the bright star of Bethlehem and the joy that we celebrate each Christmas.

C: Alleluia! Welcome Jesus the Savior. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Kaele Peterson

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283



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!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

"The First Noel"

ELW #300



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the

Refrain



night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

***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.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we worry in preparation for your arrival. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, as we journey with them to Bethlehem we find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God is never too busy for our confession. God forgives our sins and restores our souls. We accept with wonder, courage and grace God's forgiveness, in the name of the Father, Son, + Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270



- 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!



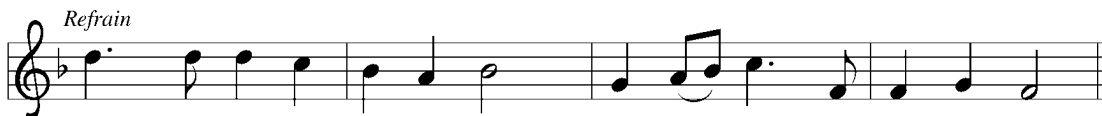
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



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!”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

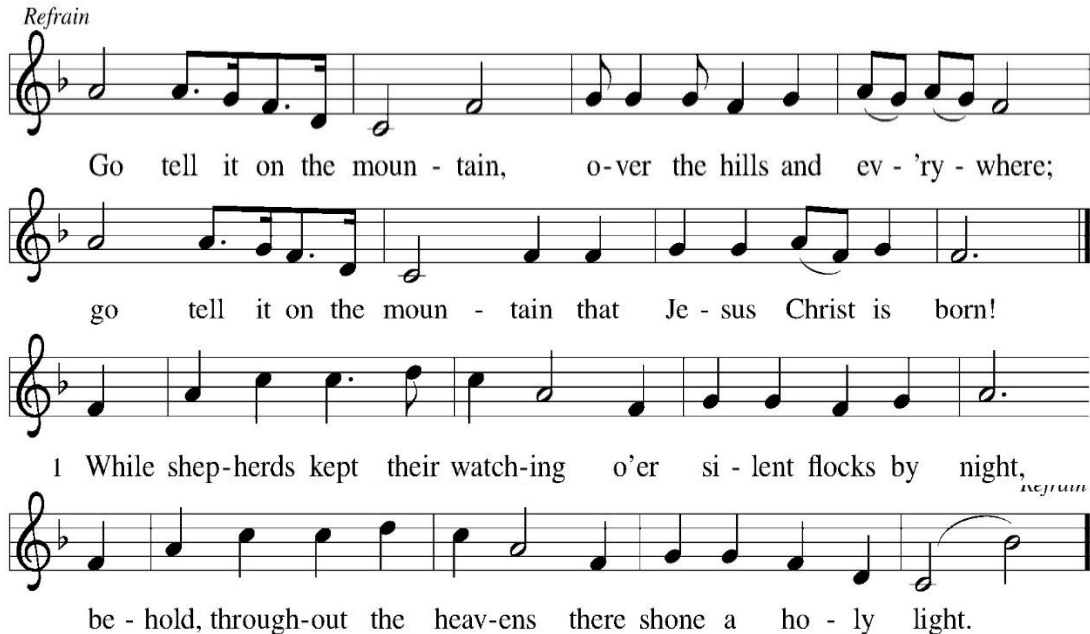
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

CHILDREN'S WORD

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW #290 v. 1

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!
1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

WORD

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

- ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
- ³You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴For 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.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Great will be his authority, 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Emmanuel"*

W&P #36

C C/E F G G⁷ C C/B \flat

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A A/C \sharp Dm G⁷ G/B C

his name is called Em - man - u - el;

C/E F G G⁷ C C/B \flat

God with us, re - vealed in us;

A A/C \sharp Dm G⁷ F/C C

his name is called Em - man - u - el.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And 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 in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And 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!"

¹⁵ When 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

C: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Amy Kelly

ELW #296



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haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy,"
The congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"

THE 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.**

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY “Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW #289 v. 1

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first two staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The third staff begins the 'Refrain' section with a long melisma on the word 'Glo'. The fourth and fifth staves continue the refrain with 'ri - a' and 'in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' respectively. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear refrain structure.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Candles have been distributed for lighting during this part of the service. A flame will be brought to first candle at the end of the pew. Please tip the unlit candle to lit candle. Do not tip any lit candles. Please watch each candle carefully and extinguish your candle following the blessing.

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

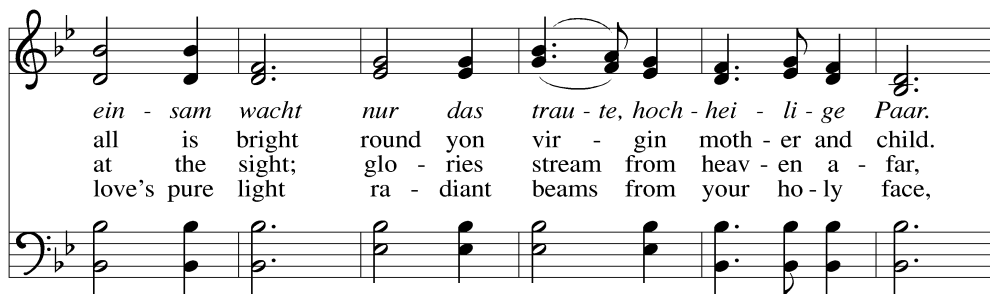
¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

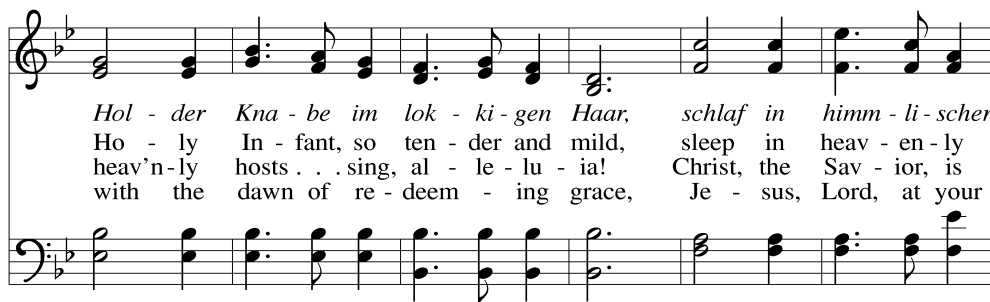
ELW #281



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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***FINAL BLESSING**

P: God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Wed	12/24	4 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
Thu	12/25	<i>Christmas Day – Office Closed</i>	
Sun	12/28	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; Coffee Fellowship following worship

Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week.

*Pastor Amy is on vacation Dec. 29 – Jan. 3. Please call her if you have an emergency.

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Poinsettias

*The poinsettias surrounding the altar are in memory
and in honor of our loved ones.*

In Memory of—

James Swenson - Given by Kevin & Janet Swenson

Ken & Lorraine Thompson - Given by Kevin & Janet Swenson

Bob Trost and other loved ones - Given by Marilyn Trost

Our Grandparents: Neil & Gladys Kenyon, Slim & June Fjeld, Sidney & Mildred Sether, Art & Lillian Johnson - Given by Todd & Dacia Johnson

Our Parents: Gordon & Cynthia Johnson, Larry Fjeld - Given by Todd & Dacia Johnson

Our loved ones who are forever in our hearts - Given by Ryan & Sarah Thomas

Russell & Delores Gabrielson and Vernon Henkelman - Given by Lynn & Karen Gabrielson

Doloris Haugen - Given by Sean, Amy, Olivia & Audrey Kelly

Maxine and Walter Gutzmer - Dean, Julianne, Holly, Claire & Lyla Gutzmer

David Britt - Dean, Julianne, Holly, Claire & Lyla Gutzmer

In Honor of—

Our 8 grandchildren - Given by Lynn & Karen Gabrielson

My family - Given by Alice Lee