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SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

from ELW Hymn #267

1. 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...
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...
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found...
4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love...

POSTLUDE

**2020 Poinsettias in memory of....**

Albert & Minerva Olson

Marlyne Rae Olson

Robert Olson

Carol Stark

Karen Bakken

John & Irene Campbell

Grandpas Gary & Jerold

Duane Aamold

Loved Ones of Lorna Aamold

David Sande

Greg Sande

Emmett & Ardale Fundingsland

Orten & Glendora Knutson

Bud & Lois Maier

Ray & Judy Kuster

Marv Moen

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LeRoy & Beulah Nelson

Don P. Nelson

Damon Anderson

Dwaine & Mary Ludtke

Ken & Idella Ludtke

Richard & Norma Demmers

Allen & Nancy Nelson

Robert Demmers

Jon Demmers

Don & Barb Tuff

Peg Coen

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Wally & Ellen Aase

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Lloyd E. Weston

Brian Barclay



United Lutheran Church | December 24, 2020 at 6pm | Facebook LIVE

~ WE GATHER ~

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Rebecca Heigaard McGurran

WELCOME

*Please stand if
you are able.

OPENING HYMN*

Angels We Have Heard On High

from ELW Hymn #289

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

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

DIALOG

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

I Wonder As I Wander

Worship Team

The Radio Broadcast of our 6pm Christmas Eve Worship will air at 4pm on Christmas Eve
on 1310AM KNOX Radio and will replay on Christmas Day at 10:15am.

A reading from Isaiah. This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

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 the nation, 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Oh Holy Night

Michael Marcotte

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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 Da-

vid. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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 for them in the inn.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Away In A Manger

Gretchen Kindseth

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord—shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And 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!" ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear

Worship Team

SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

HYMN

The First Noel [vs. 1-4]

from ELW Hymn #300

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain

3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

4. This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Good and loving God, 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. **All: Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

[Each person lights their candle from the center candle on the Advent wreath]

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

from ELW Hymn #281

**1. 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.**

**2. 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!**

**3. 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.**

1816

Joseph Mohr creates the text to "Silent Night!" in the form of a poem in Mariapfarr in the Lungau region where he was living at the time.

1818

In the schoolhouse of Arnsdorf, on Christmas Eve, Franz Xaver Gruber composes a melody to fit the text.

1818

"Silent Night! Holy Night!" has its world premiere on Christmas Eve in the St. Nicholas church of Oberndorf near Salzburg, performed by Franz Xaver Gruber and Joseph Mohr.

RESPONSE

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.

C: Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.

P: You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.

C: Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.

P: You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

C: Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.

P: You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

C: May we see your glory, full of grace and truth.

All: Amen.

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.

[The candles are extinguished]

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with us.

C: Thanks be to God.