

CHRISTMAS DAY
Fri. Dec. 25th 9:30 AM
Online Worship Premiere



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another,

God of goodness and lovingkindness, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....All-powerful and unseen God,

the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL STORY

LUKE 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Pastor Kelly Nieman Anderson

REFLECTION HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

CHRISTMAS CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Christmas Creed.

I believe in God who loves us and came to us in human form.

**I believe in Jesus, the Son of God, born in Bethlehem,
for me and for the world.**

**I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored
and the proud could never understand;
whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons with hungry hearts.**

**I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms,
who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them,
who by love brought sinners back to purity,
and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

**I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town
and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world.**

I believe in the power of God to bring hope, peace, love, and joy to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *(From Disrupt Worship Project)*

Creator, from the beginning of time you have been with us.
You save us again and again, from ourselves. From our hatred of others.
From our challenges of judging others and ourselves.
You created us as whole beings, minds, bodies, and souls, to be connected together.
You bring us prophets to point the way, to call us in, to call us toward love and life.
And yet, we turn away.
In the creative darkness, in the beginning of time, the depth of Mary's womb,
you knit together a real human body that comes from another body.
You were a baby. We hear your cries.
In the incarnation, in becoming human, you know what it is to hurt.
To cry out for justice from a body that was tortured.
The pain of oppression.
Of those who think they get to define who counts as human.
And yet, you gave yourself to us.
You gave your own body and blood to heal us,
to bring us closer to ourselves, and one another.
To heal the broken connections, within, without,
and between our whole beings.
In this meal, you connect your body to ours.
As the story about you is told:

THE WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

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.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW 279

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his hope, love, joy & peace. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW 290

SENDING *(Partly from Disrupt Worship Project)*

Go like the shepherds to see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us. As we share the Resurrection by:
Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Amen.

POSTLUDE



**Many Blessing & Merry Christmas from the Staff
of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**

Weekly Online Worship on Sunday at 9:30 AM

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Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ccive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH. English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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.

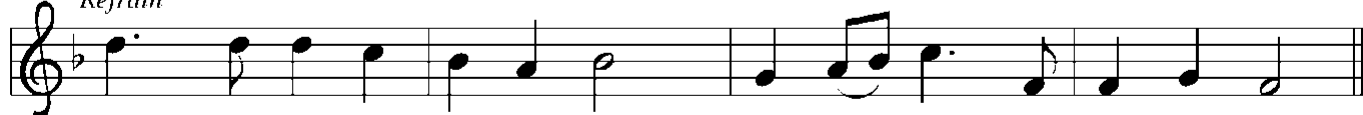


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



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!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
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!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

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

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

The shepherds sing, "Jesus Christ is born!" Let your church throughout the world proclaim this good news, over the hills and everywhere. Unite the voices of all your faithful people in songs of praise and rejoicing. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The angels sing, "Peace on earth!" Come quickly to still the strife of this world. Hush the noise of war and violence in all the places of unrest. Inspire leaders of all nations to seek lasting peace and sustainable provisions for all those in their care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heaven and nature sing, "Joy to the world!" Give respite to the doctors, nurses, CNAs and so many more that care for those who are struggling with COVID. We also give thanks for your Holy Spirit that has empowered those who have worked tirelessly on multiple COVID vaccines which are starting to be available in our world. Continue to be with all of us as we gather as safely as possible during this Christmas and New Year season, shower us with the spirit of hope, peace, love and joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mary sings melodies of comfort to her newborn child. Bring rest and reassurance to those facing struggles this night, those without homes, and those without food. Console those who lie awake due to pain, anxiety or depression. Heal those who are sick in body or spirit.....especially..... Mitch, Roy, Doris, Pastor Bill & Family, Cindy, Nancy, Tom, Barb, Betty, Joyce, Mark, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie, and Shirley.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have gone before us, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Send your comfort, peace and presence to family members who are struggling with grief and sorrow, especially during this holiday season. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**