



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2020
Online Worship
Theme: "Love All"



379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1–3

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*

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain*

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23

P Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,

C a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia!

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

C You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

C my soul also, which You have redeemed.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God of God, Light of light,

C we confess that by nature we are sinful and unclean, born in darkness. We are often blind to Your Word and Your work in our lives, sinning against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus, who is the light of the world, forgive me all my sins, that my eyes may be opened and my heart enlightened to look to You in faith and hope.

P God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

ref Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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Epistle

1 John 4:7–16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

DCE Erika Troester / Rev. Devin Burmeister

392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. *Refrain*

ref Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. *Refrain*

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. *Refrain*

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Responsory

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

P To us a child is born,
C **to us a son is given;**

P and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called
C **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Sing to the Lord a new song,
C **for He has done marvelous things!**

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession of Faith

P At Christmas, we remember not only our Savior's birth, but also all that God has done for us. And so, our faith is in God the Father, the almighty Creator of all that exists.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, who has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

P Our faith is in God the Son, whose sacrifice on the cross opens to us eternal life in God's eternal presence.

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

P Our faith is in God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith gives us eternal peace with God.

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, who in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

380 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 host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain*

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

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

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Sermon – “Love All”

Rev. Jonathan Gruen

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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Prayer of the Church

P ... Love Incarnate, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Candle Lighting

Light some candles at home and sing “Silent Night” with us!

Thanksgiving for Light

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

P On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.

C **We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.**

P You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

C **In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

P As is our tradition, you will see that you have the option to sing one stanza of *Silent Night* in German, which celebrates the heritage of the carol, and maybe the heritage of many here. We also have people in our church and community who speak Spanish, so we have provided a stanza also in Spanish. So, you are invited to sing one stanza either in German or Spanish—a foretaste of the heavenly songs that will praise the Savior in every language—and then we’ll sing all three English stanzas together.

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

German:

sts. 1–3

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht

Nur das traute, hochheilige
Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen
Haar,
 Schlaf in himmlischer
Ruh,
 Schlaf in himmlischer
Ruh.

¡Noche de paz, noche de
amor!
Todo duerme en derredor.
Entre los astros que esparcen
su luz,
bella anunciando al niño
Jesús
 brilla la estrella de paz,
 brilla la estrella de paz.

Spanish:

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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Offering

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Upcoming Worship and Education Schedule

- We have no worship scheduled for Christmas Day or on Saturday, Dec. 26.
- We will have services of Readings and Carols at our normal times on Sunday morning, Dec. 27 (8:00 & 9:30 traditional; 11:00 contemporary).
- New Year's Eve worship with Holy Communion is at 5:00pm on Dec. 31.
- Our normal worship schedule resumes on January 2 & 3—Sat. 6:00pm; Sun. morning 8:00 & 9:30 traditional, 11:00 contemporary).
- Midweek and Confirmation resume on January 6. Sunday School and Bible Class resume on January 10.

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