

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**CHRISTMAS EVE 2022**

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm



**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Noel

by Claude Louis Daquin

**CAROL 283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**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:*

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;**

**Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

P: The people walking in darkness,  
have seen a great light;

**C: on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.**

P: For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

**C: And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Of the greatness of his government and peace

**C: there will be no end.**

P: He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

**C: The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: 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.**

**CAROL 300 "The First Noel"**

**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.**

**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]***

**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]***

**SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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 for them in the inn.

## ANTHEM

4pm:

### CELEBRATION RINGERS

The Bells of Christmas by C.C.N. Balle (1806-1855)  
setting by Cathy Mocklebust

6pm and 8pm: **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Carol of the Bells arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky

*Carol of the Bells is a Ukrainian carol. This year is the 100th anniversary of its introduction into the United States. The Chancel Choir sings it as a prayer for peace in that country.*

## SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"



**CAROL 289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**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.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

***[Refrain]***

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

***[Refrain]***

**SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 9-20**

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and

pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ANTHEM

**4pm and 8pm:** Fantasia on *Greensleeves* by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
arr. by Mark Meuser  
Ila Rondeau, viola

**6pm:** Christmas Alleluia by Chris Tomlin  
Dave Shrum, vocalist  
Nick Grossman, guitar

Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ, the Savior of the world  
He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ, the Savior of the world  
He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King!  
O night divine forever more  
The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King!  
O night divine forever more



Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ, the Savior of the world  
He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the highest name of all, Alleluia!

You're the Highest name of all, Alleluia!

## SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

## ANTHEM

4pm:

### CELEBRATION RINGERS

Angel Tidings

by Cynthia Dobrinski

*The song "Angel Tidings" is based on the tunes "Mendelssohn" and "Gloria".*

6pm and 8pm: **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Before the Marvel of the Night

by Carl Schalk

Ila Rondeau, viola

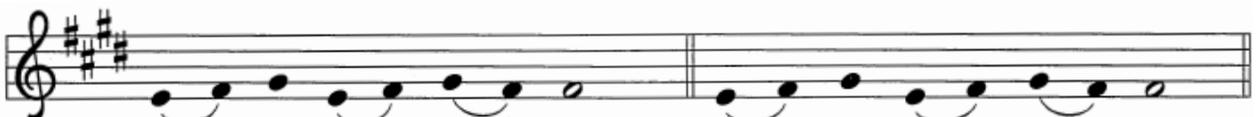
## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Response:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Pastor:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.



*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.



*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



*All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



## THE LORDS 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *All baptized believers who trust that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are encouraged to partake in communion.*
- ◆ *Children and adults who do not receive the meal are invited forward for a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you cannot come forward but wish to receive the sacrament, please let an usher know and a server will bring the sacrament to you.*
- ◆ *If you require grape juice or wafers as a substitute for the wine and/or bread, please let the servers know.*

*Please stand for the prayer, candle lighting, and carol*

## PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE LIT

**P: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do and say; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

## CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL 281 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

*(verse 2 in unison)*

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.

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!

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.

### SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5

P: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the very beginning.  
Through him all things came into existence,  
and without him there was nothing.  
That which came to be  
received life in him,  
and the life was the light of the human race.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness cannot overcome it.

### BENEDICTION

**CAROL 267 "Joy to The World" (verses 1, 2, 4)**

**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,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in peace to serve the newborn King.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: Angels We Have Heard on High**

**arr. by Fred Bock**



The Rev. Seth Jersild, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Patti Morlock, Associate Pastor  
Mark Meuser, Organist  
Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Band  
Susan Locey and the Celebration Ringers

*Serving Today*

***Communion Assistants***

*4pm: Caroline Koethke*

*Pat Larick*

*6pm: Sarah Schmitz*

*8pm: Ike Stage, Betty Lewis*

***Altar Guild***

*David and Lisa Stallard*

*Linda Vozel*

*Dellno and Betty Lewis*

***Readers***

*4pm: Karen Bentley*

*6pm: Neva Warren*

*8pm: Glenda Allman*

***Acolytes***

*4pm: Cordelia Wanner*

*Brayden Gottshall*

*6pm: Hunter Thompson*

*Colton Thompson*

*8pm: Brooklyn Cress*

*Corban Allman*

***Greeters***

*4pm MD: Carol Rich*

*ND: George Biggs*

*6pm MD: Bill and Linda Diehl*

*ND: The Counts Family;*

*James, Leigh, Eva, and Emmy*

*8pm MD: Dellno and Betty Lewis*

*ND: Christine Hank*

*If you have ordered a poinsettia and wish to collect it,  
we ask that you please leave it in place, if possible,  
until after the Christmas Day service.*