

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
Christmas Worship

★ **Welcome and Prelude** *(Carol of the Bells performed by Anelise Jorgenson & The Gift, written by Stephanie Davis, performed by Kendra Frey)*

★ **Hymn** **Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful**
(performed by Deanna Gopie)

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

Chorus: Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Chorus*

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

★ **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary,
be with you all.

★ **Prayer of the Day**

★ **First Reading** Isaiah 9:2-7 *(read by Rebecca Lildahr)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You 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.

For 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.

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

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

★ **Special Music – O Holy Night**

(performed by Suvena & Joshwa Ricknauth)

★ **Second Reading**

Hebrews 1:1-4

(read by Heidi Wilker)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of
all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's
glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his
powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right
hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the
name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord

★ **Hymn**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

(performed by Michaela Rawlingson)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

★ Third Reading

Luke 2:1-7

(Read by Ian Ricknauth)

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.

★ Special Music – Who Would Have Dreamed*(performed by Larry & Katarina Baziw)***★ Fourth Reading**

Luke 2:8-20

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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

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.

★ Hymn

Away in A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

★ Homily

★ Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

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 God-head see! Hail incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

Hail the Heav'n born prince of peace. Hail the son of Righteousness.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

★ The Prayers

We pray: *Lord, in your mercy...* and respond: *Hear our prayer.*

Holy Communion (Zoom Only)

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

C: 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, and 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.

★ A Call for Light

The God who said, "Let there be light," has caused light to shine in our hearts.

That light is the glory of God reflected in the face of Jesus Christ.

And John introduces his Gospel with these words: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

★ Hymn

Silent Night

(performed by Terry Dundee)

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 Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour 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.

★ **Benediction & Dismissal**

★ **Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [*Refrain*]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [*Refrain*]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [*Refrain*]

