

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 & 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 24, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE 5:00pm

Away In Manger arr. John R. Behnke
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Charles Maggs
On Christmas Night arr. Lloyd Larson
Gesù Bambino Pietro A. Yon arr. Lloyd Larson
Joy To The World arr. Diane Bish

7:30pm

In The Bleak Midwinter arr. John Hollis
What Child Is This arr. John Hollins
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks arr. John Hollins.
On Christmas Night arr. Lloyd Larson
Gesù Bambino Pietro A. Yon arr. Lloyd Larson
Joy To The World arr. Diane Bish

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

**Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW # 283

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High ELW # 289

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

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!

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.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-14 [15-20]

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.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In 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 David. 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.

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.]

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (5:00 PM)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

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!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

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 we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You are pleased to dwell with your creatures and the whole earth sings for joy. Renew the splendor of creation from the smallest cell to the widest galaxies. Guide us to be wise stewards of your gifts for the sake of generations to come. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your authority is over the nations. Break the rod of oppression in every land and free all people from fear. Bring peace where there is war, compassion where there is suffering, and healing where there is disease (*regions in crisis may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You cherish those who are most vulnerable. Protect infants and children, and bless those who care for them. Watch over women giving birth, attend the dying, and relieve any who are in pain (*especially*). Shelter refugee families and those who have no home. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your lovingkindness embraces everyone in need. Help any for whom this season is lonely or joyless. Comfort those among us, or known to us, who are experiencing distress of body or mind, missing loved ones, or grieving (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have died into the joyous light of glory. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place who have praised you with lives of faith and humility. Inspire us by their example to love you by serving others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

Stand

THE PEACE

The angels sing Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit

5 pm Only

Bell Anthem- Earth Shall Ring arr. Jason W. Krug

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 7:30 pm only

Once In Royal David's City

arr. John Hollins

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (SPOKEN)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,

we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.
Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.
Amen

LAMB OF GOD (SETTING 5 ELW)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Beginning with the lectern side of the church, please come down the center aisle, and take a glass as you come forward. The first tray contains prefilled glasses of grape juice for those who do not wish to have wine. Receive the bread from the pastor then the wine from the communion assistant, and return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your used glass in the tray at the side aisle. Children who do not yet receive communion and those who do not wish to receive, may come forward for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

P/ Christ, the Light, has come!

C/ Emmanuel! Share the Light!

P/ The people who had been in darkness have seen a great light.

C/ The Light of God's Love shines in our darkness; our darkness has not overcome God's brightness.

As the pastor reads the litany for candlelighting the ushers will receive the light from the Christ Candle, then pass the flame to the first worshiper in each pew. Always keep the lighted candle vertical. Tip only the unlighted candle to receive the flame. The Hymn will be played softly until all candles are lit. The Congregation will then sing Silent Night.

HYMN - *Silent Night*

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

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you,
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It On The Mountain

ELW #290

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Both Services

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Michael Helman

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Bulletins have been dedicated in honor of our granddaughter Ainsley's first Christmas by Marlene and Michael Troxell.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Nicholas Maldonado's birthday with love from his family.

We pray that all worshipers may have a Christmas Season filled with the Wonder of the shepherds, the Joy of the angels, and the Peace of Christ's continuing presence.

Please sign the Friendship register in your pew and check the appropriate box on the form if you will be receiving Holy Communion tonight. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number.

The staff of St. Paul's Lutheran Church extend a sincere thank-you to the congregation and friends of St. Paul's for the cards, gifts, and other expressions of love they have received during this holiday season.

Sincere thanks to all who have placed poinsettias or other flowers in the church for our services tonight. Poinsettias may be taken home *after* the 7:30 p.m. Service.

A special thank you to Matthew Hayes, our Bell Choir, the members of the Altar Guild, Worship Committee, our sexton Eva Waldman, our secretary Linda Angstadt, and our decorating volunteers who dedicated themselves to making this a special night of worship.

All offerings to be counted in the 2022 year must be received by Thursday, December 29th.

2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please pick up your envelopes if you haven't already.

Services next weekend include Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday, January 1st at 9 am. No Sunday School will be held next weekend but will resume January 8, 2023.

You may make an offering to the church through our website www.SummerHillLutheran.org. Simply click on the online giving button on our home page and you will be directed to a secure site to make a one time or on-going offering. You may direct your offering from your checking or savings account or a credit or debit card. QR code may be found on the back of the bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who supported our special projects this time of year: the Angel tree, our mitten tree, and the food cards. Your participation helps to brighten the holidays for our neighbors in need.

Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to Pastor Eileen prior to start of service. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

Attendance for December 18, 2022 46 physically present, 0 views online, 0 shares as of December 19, 2022.

The bulletin and flower charts for 2023 are hanging on the bulletin board.

It is time to think about an article from your committee for the annual report. The articles are due in the office by January 15, 2023.

MITTEN TREE The annual Mitten Tree will be in the narthex throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, and any other appropriate items. The items will be divided between Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All. As always, thank you for your generosity in helping to make this event a success.

Communion will be offered the weekends of January 7th and 8th and January 21st and 22nd.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 15th- Articles for Annual report

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$87.00
Local Benevolence	\$138.50
Current	\$1456.55
Capital Building Fund	\$45.00
Plate Offering	\$6.00
Christmas	\$15.00
<u>Total Received</u>	<u>\$1808.05</u>

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: No in person on December 25, 2022

Monday: Office Closed

10 am Prayer Shawl

7 pm Zoom Bible Study

Thursday: 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday: Office Closed

Saturday: 5 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 9 am Holy Communion Service

Monday: Office Closed

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59—8:8

Tues: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12

Wed: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14

Thu: Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44

Fri: Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Sat: Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

5:00 P.M. -

GREETERS: Charlene & Dennis Egan

USHERS: Charlene & Dennis Egan

ACOLYTES:

CRUCIFER:

LECTOR: Charles Hawk

COUNCIL GREETERS: Trish Krause

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Trish Krause

7:30 P.M. -

GREETERS: Helen Miller

USHERS: Helen Miller

ACOLYTES:

CRUCIFER:

LECTOR: Marlene Troxell

COUNCIL GREETERS: Marlene Troxell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Marlene Troxell

Council members should count after the service they attend. Altar Guild members should help with the service they attend.

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Jeff and Peggy Davis, Sue and Harry Russell and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinius, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast, and Donald Legarht.

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

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
