

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



SUNNE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2020

4:30PM

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Verse 1: 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.

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

Verse 2: The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
REFRAIN

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

GREETING

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Oh come let us adore him.

May the light of peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Verse 1: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountain sin reply, echoing their joyous strains.

REFRAIN: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Verse 2: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
REFRAIN

Verse 3: Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of true Light. Grant that here on Earth we may walk in the light of Jesus's 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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9: 2-7

HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD

Verse 1: 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.

Verse 2: Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3: No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove.
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

SECOND LESSON: Titus 3: 4-7

HYMN: THERE'S A STAR IN THE EAST

Verse 1: There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

REFRAIN: Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow,
Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow!

Verse 2: If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!
REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2: 2-10

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: GO TELL IT ON THE PRAIRIE

REFRAIN: Go tell it on the prairie, over the hills and everywhere;
God tell it on the prairie, that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1: While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
REFRAIN

Verse 2: The shepherds feared and trembled, when, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
REFRAIN

Verse 3: Down in a lonely manger, the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.
REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.**

THE SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VERSE: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Verse 1: What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings, and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
AMEN

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

And join their unending hymn:

(To the tune of HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of heav'n and earth adored.

Oh how blest is he who comes, in the holy name of God.

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 newborn king!"

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

HYMN: I AM SO GLAD EACH CHRISTMAS EVE

Verse 1: I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus's birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on Earth.

Verse 2: The little child in Bethlehem, He was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above, to help a world in need.

HYMN: AWAY IN A MANGER

Verse 1: Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2: The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
 But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love you, lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

HYMN: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

HYMN: THE FIRST NOEL

Verse 1: 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.
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2: 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.
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

PRAYER

**Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son, you have united earth and heaven.
May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the
world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

SENDING SONG: SILENT NIGHT

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

Verse 3: 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.

BENEDICTION

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!





**Thank you to those who
purchased poinsettia plants to
decorate the church!**

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Paul Schauer

Michele Vietz—Pianist

Shelley Porter—Worship Leader

Sue Szczur—Worship Leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is scheduled to begin on January 10th at 9:00am with a fun-filled morning of singing, treats and movies!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00am on January 24th. Please send all reports to the church office by the end of December. Copies of the annual report will be available on Sunday, January 17th. We will do our best to share it via our website and Facebook page, as well.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2021 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please throw away your old envelopes and begin using these envelopes January 1st. Using your envelopes greatly helps the financial secretary.

2021 MINISTRY TEAMS

If you are interested in serving on any of the ministry teams in 2021, please sign up at the table in the narthex or contact the church office. The ministry teams include Worship, Education, Church Property, Parsonage Property, Cemetery, Altar Guild, and Harvest Festival. Explanations of the teams are available at the table in the narthex.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive at the Wilton Memorial Hall on Monday, December 28th from 3:00-6:00pm. Call Shelley Porter at 701-959-4031 to book an appointment or register on line with vitalant.org and use the sponsor code: Wilton. Potential donors must wear masks while at the blood drive.

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