



A Place to Belong

A Place to **Become**

AS WE GATHER: More than two thousand years later, the miraculous circumstances of Christ's birth still astound us; yet everything from that night—the shepherds and the angels, the star and the wise men, the virgin birth in a stable—remains in the shadow of the Child Himself. In one incredible moment, God reunited Creator and created. His perfect plan appeared in the flesh, becoming the cornerstone of humankind's redemption.



HOLY COMMUNION is the gift of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation offered by Jesus Christ to believers. All are welcome to the table who trust in this promise of our Lord. As Lutherans we believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His true Body and Blood.

Pastor: Steve Albertin

Music: Sounds of Glory; David Moscrip, Director



We invite you to join us Sundays. We have an Education hour for all ages at 9:00 (beginning again January 7) with a Blended Worship at 10:00 am. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday. Nursery Care is available at 10:00 am.

*Thank you for joining us this evening
as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior!*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

King of Glory Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m.

Please stand as you are able

SONG "Come Let Us Worship the King"

**O come to the place where the holy Child is laid
O come let us see the newborn King
For He is our God and greatly to be praised
Come let us worship the King**

Refrain

**Come let us worship the King,
Jesus the Savior is born
For the Lord will reign over all the earth
Come let us worship the King,
Jesus the Savior is born
For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised
Through all the earth, Let us worship the King**

**The Savior has come, Let all the nations sing
The mountains ring out with angelic praise
The heavens rejoice, for the earth receives her King
Come let us worship the King**

Repeat Refrain twice

**Come let us worship the King, Jesus the Savior is born
Come let us worship the King, Jesus the Savior is born
Come let us worship the King,
In all the earth, come let us worship the King**

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

CAROL

"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful with Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
**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
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
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

**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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King".**

**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
O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

(Spoken over music)

P: In the quiet of the night
A woman gives birth:
A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon her.

P: In the quiet of the night
A husband becomes a father:
A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon him.

P: In the quiet of the night
A baby breathes the air:
A personal act of sacrifice;
God steps out of the divine into the mundane
For us.

“What Child is This?”

**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!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Please be seated

LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-6

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 his 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 Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, 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.

Please stand if you are able.

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**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.**

**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!**

**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.**

**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;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SONG

“I Wonder as I Wander”

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord’n’ry people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

**When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow’s stall,
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star’s light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.**

**If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,
He surely could have had it, ‘cause He was the king.**

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord’n’ry people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

Please be seated

MESSAGE

A Little Dirt for Christmas

Pastor Steve Albertin

Please stand if you are able

SONG

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Refrain:

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;
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***

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Welcome to Our World”

Please stand

*** OFFERING SONG**

“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.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the king of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev’rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the king of Israel.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

PREFACE

P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C: **And may the Lord be with you too.**

P: Lift your hearts to Him in praise.

C: **To the Lord our hearts we raise.**

P: Let us offer praises true.

C: **It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King**

***PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is right and indeed our privilege at all times and in all places to offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, You who stand outside of time enter into time; You who are infinite become finite; You who are all powerful become all vulnerable; You whose womb bore the world now is born of Mary’s womb to bear the Good News of hope and peace, of light and joy forever. We give You thanks for having opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory

O Great God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son, that

whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

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."

Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who receive the Body and Blood of Christ may be His body in the world, living according to His example to bring peace and healing to all people. Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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.

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

(at the time of distribution all may utilize the prepackaged bread and wine you received when you entered the Sanctuary)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"God Came Near"

***BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you strong in your faith now and forever. Depart in peace.

C: Amen.

***THE CANDLE LIGHTING**

Please wait to light (turn on) your candles until prompted by the Pastor

***CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE & SCRIPTURE READING**

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

***PRAYER**

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 that we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***HYMN**

“Silent Night”

Please wait to light (turn on) your candles until prompted by the Pastor

**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.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: God, who has remained faithful in fulfilling His promises, grant us an abiding and growing faith in His amazing Gift.

C: **We demonstrate to the world the peace God gives which passes all human understanding.**

P: We share with people everywhere the love of God shown to us most visibly in His Son, the Babe of Bethlehem.

C: We experience the promise of abundant life of Christ within us.

P: The blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit go with you as you joyously celebrate the birthday of your Savior, Jesus Christ!

***HYMN**

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, 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.**

You may turn off your candles.

SONG

Joy Has Dawned

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Altar Poinsettias

Judy Naaman & Family	In Memory of Bill Naaman
Judy Naaman & Family	In Memory of Helen & Bob Milleville
Jim Schmohe	In Memory of Connie Schmohe
Jim Schmohe	In Memory of Kari Schmohe
Pam Crowell	In Memory of Dring & Beth Crowell
Steve & Susan Kraabel	In Memory of Beatrice Young
Randy & Marcia Poisel	In Honor of our children and grandchildren
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of Lillian Coffey
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of Edward, Charlotte & Gladys Buddenbaum
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of Donald & Lydia Mitchell
Judie & Warren Buddenbaum	In Memory of our Son David Buddenbaum
Hollingsworth's & Copelands	In Memory of Mildred & Earl Bailey
Hollingsworth's & Copelands	In Memory of Norman Bailey
Kyla & Bob Tipsword	In Memory of Winnie & Robert Tipsword
Kyla & Bob Tipsword	In Memory of Wilbur Saylor
Kim & Kathy Peterson	In Memory of our Neil Cowen
Dan & Laura Saffen	In Memory of Richard & Virginia Saffen
Dan & Laura Saffen	In Memory of Lester & Ruth Schoenheir
Tim & Dana Larson	In Honor of Larry and in Memory of Christopher

