



Welcome to worship on this Christmas Eve 2022.

We are very thankful you are here as we celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus of Nazareth and as the Athanasian Creed states, “God taking humanity into Himself.” It is our hope and prayer that our worship this night encounters you with the good news that God in Christ Jesus is not only with you but *for* you. Silverdale Lutheran’s mission is to connect more to Christ, and we pray that you are united this day to what God has done for us in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



We are celebrating Holy Communion, the meal that Jesus gave us where he promised to come to us in, with, and under the bread and wine. This meal exemplifies our belief in the incarnation, God with us. If you are a guest of ours, please see the paragraph on page 10 for words of welcome and our belief about this meal. Moreover, if this is your first time worshiping with us; please find a welcome bag in the foyer as our thankyou for being with us and to receive more information about our Church.

We will we receive an offering tonight, but our guests should not feel any compulsion to give. Our offering is a time where, after hearing the good news, we freely respond by giving financially which is symbolic of our giving of our whole selves.



There is child care for children 5 and under at our 7 & 9 pm services – our nursery is down the hall from our entrance.

Merry Christmas!

# SILVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**December 24, 2022**

**11am, 7pm, 9pm & 11pm Services**



## *Gathering*

### **Prelude**

*(remain seated)*

### **Christmas Dialogue**

P: We come longing for peace

**C: And comfort for our troubled hearts.**

P: We come longing for mercy

**C: And forgiveness for our wounded consciences.**

P: We come longing for connection

**C: And belonging for our anxious lives.**

P: We come longing for relief from fear

**C: And the assurance that God is with us.**

P: Let us come then, ready to cling to God's word and promise.

**C: The light that shines in the darkness: Immanuel, God with us! Glory to God in the Highest!**

*(please stand)*

**Entrance Hymn      Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful      LBW 45 (Vs 1,2,3)**

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!**

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

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. Unknown

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## **Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

**P:** This night, Christ is born:

**C: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**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 receiving the true gift of Christmas 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**

*(please be seated)*



## *Word*

### **The First Testament Reading**

**Psalm 85:4-13**

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation and put away your indignation toward us!

**C: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

L: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

**C: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

**C: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**C: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

L: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

L: ...the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Musical Meditation** “*Sussex Carol*” (SLC Choir/Alleluia Ringers, 7, 9p)  
“*On to Bethlehem Town*” (April Beckett, 11a, 11p)

### **Epistle Reading**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

L: ...the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn**                    **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**                    LBW 54 (*Vs 1,4*)

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold.  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav’n’s all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast’ning on, By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years Shall come the time foretold,  
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears 1810-1876

*(please remain seated for The Gospel Readings)*

**The Gospel**                    *God’s Definitive Entrance in History*                    **Luke 2:1-7**

**Hymn**    **Away in a Manger**    LBW 67  
(**Vs.1,2**)

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.

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.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

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**The Gospel**                    *The Angels Preach to Shepherds*                    **Luke 2:8-14**

**Hymn**    **Angels We Have Heard on High**    LBW 71

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
Glor---ria, in excelsis Deo; Glor---ria in excelsis Deo.  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song?  
Glor---ria, in excelsis Deo; Glor---ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Glor---ria, in excelsis Deo; Glor---ria in excelsis Deo.

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**The Gospel**                      *The Shepherds see the Sign*                      **Luke 2:15-20**  
L: ...The Gospel of the Lord  
**C: Praise to you, Oh Christ!**

**Hymn**                      **O Little Town of Bethlehem**                      LBW 41 (*Vs 1,4*)

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.  
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 Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

**Sermon**                      ***“No Ifs, Ands, or Shoulds about it”***                      **Pastor Bill**

*(Silence for reflection, then please stand as you are able for the Hymn)*

**Hymn**                      **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**                      *LBW 60 (Vs 1,3)*

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!”***

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. Public Domain

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **The Prayers of the People**

**P: Lord in your mercy**

**C: Hear our prayer.**



## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with those around you and then be seated)*

**Offering Special Music “For unto us a Child is Born” Our’chestra (11a)**  
**“Fum Fum Fum” Alleluia Ringers (7, 9p)**

*(Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Hymn)*

## Offertory Hymn                      What Child is This?                      (*Vss 1 & 3*)

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!

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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 Public Domain

## Offertory Prayer

P: Holy God,

**C: As we present gifts to you, we pray they might reach those in the greatest need, lift those in the deepest despair & bring compassion and peace to those who find themselves amidst conflict. We pray this in the name of that Holy Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Redeemer. Amen.**



## *The Meal—Holy Communion*

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

P: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed... let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

### **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.**

*(please be seated)*

**Welcome to the Supper** - *All Baptized Christians are welcome to join in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward to the tables with Supper in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the cup for intinction, or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose of it in the baskets provided. A communion assistant will distribute the cups. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.*

Communion Hymns

Lo, How A Rose

ELW 272



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

LBW 70

### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

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

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

3 Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

## Post-Communion Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood,  
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen.

# Gospel of the Incarnation - Lighting of Candles

John 1:1-14

Read from The Message translation

*The minister lights a candle from the large candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. **The lighted candle is never tilted**, but always held upright when giving light to another. You are welcome to hum along with the melody of Silent Night while candles are being lit and before we begin to sing Silent Night. Please raise your candles on the last verse.*

*(Please stand)*

**Hymn of Light**

**Silent Night**

LBW 65

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.

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## **Benediction**

**P:** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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.

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, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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## Sending

L: We are grace filled

**C: And Spirit led!**

L: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## Postlude

**Thank you for sharing your gifts of music:** Sanctuary Choir, Alleluia Ringers, SLC Instrumentalists, & Our'chestra

**Director of Music:** Justin Cormier

Sanctuary Choir (7 & 9pm)

Alleluia Ringers (7 & 9pm)

Our'chestra (11am)

Soloist April Becket (11am & 11pm)

**Readers:**

11:00am – Kay Kersten

7:00pm – Sue Shultz

9:00pm – Sandy Gessner-Crabtree

11:00pm – Billie Jean Liedahl

(John 1Reading) Sandy Gessner-Crabtree 7 & 9pm

**Communion Assistants:**

11:00am: Julie Harpel and Georgann Thomas

7:00pm: Beth Adams, Violet Adams, Sue Starks

9:00pm: Kelley Sutherland and Karen Rowley

11:00pm: Kelley Sutherland and Billie Jean Liedahl

**Ushers:**

11:00am: Rick & Dee Cotter

7:00pm: Tom & Marilyn Hawks, Kevin & Patty Berg, Debbie & Steve Slaton,  
Tim Moes, Bob Brien, Bob Arper

9:00pm: Wayne & Shelley Ferber, Ron Maddux, Tim Moes

11:00pm: Kelley Sutherland, Bruce & Debbie Kramer



**Poinsettias:** After 11pm service, if you purchased poinsettias, you are welcome to take them home.



**Silverdale**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**wishes you**  
**and yours a**  
**Blessed Christmas!**