

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
547 S. Main Ave.
Groveland, FL 34736
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

#271 I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth.
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth

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

He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today;
And still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.

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' presence and in the last day wake up 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.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

GATHERING HYMN *#283 O Come All Ye Faithful*

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,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father 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.

Psalm 96

#277 Away in a Manger v. 1,2

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.

Luke 2:1-7

#270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 1, 3

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 th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’nly 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 man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Luke 2:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia

P: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

C: Alleluia

Luke 2:15-20

MEDITATION: Pastor Howard Nielsen

#267 Joy to the World V. 1, 2

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

PRAYERS - Please respond to each petition: **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING - Giving offerings to God from what God has first given us is a spiritual practice grounded in gratitude. We are grateful for your continuing stewardship. Donations may be sent to Zion Lutheran at PO Box 607, Groveland, FL 34736.

ANTHEM

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 COMMUNE

#281 Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior 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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL