



**The Birth Of Our Lord**

**December 24, 2020**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Peg Youngren, organist*

*Silent Night*, Marilyn House, pianist

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* / *Away in a Manger*, Bethlehem Handbell Choir

**Gathering Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful*** Hymn 283 led by*Anne-Marie Rozsa*

1 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!**

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

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

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

The light that shines in the darkness has come into the world.

Jesus Christ our Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Confession**

Most merciful God, **we confess that at times we are not at peace, with you, with ourselves, or with others. We bring to you tonight all that tears us apart. In your mercy, mend us, reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS**

***Angels We Have Heard on High*** hymn 289 led by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

Jeanne Hergert, Marilyn House, Anne-Marie Rozsa and Peg Youngren participating

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

2 Shepherds why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav’nly song **Refrain**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God, By your greatness you became small, by your power you became powerless, by your limitlessness you became limited. Through the birth of your son, we can live in your light that shines on a world transformed by the limitless power of your love. Amen.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Luke, Chapter 2** (text in bold type will be read aloud)

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| **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.** | Por aquellos días Augusto César decretó que se levantara un censo en todo el imperio romano. **2**(Este primer censo se efectuó cuando Cirenio gobernaba en Siria.) **3**Así que iban todos a inscribirse, cada cual a su propio pueblo.**4**También José, que era descendiente del rey David, subió de Nazaret, ciudad de Galilea, a Judea. Fue a Belén, la ciudad de David, **5**para inscribirse junto con María su esposa. Ella se encontraba encinta **6**y, mientras estaban allí, se le cumplió el tiempo. **7**Así que dio a luz a su hijo primogénito. Lo envolvió en pañales y lo acostó en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en la posada. |



**Song *Away in a Manger*** *hymn 277 led by* Simon Rozsa

1.Away in a manger no crib for his bed,

the little Lord Jesus, lay down his sweet head,

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3.Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay

Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender care

And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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| **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.”**  | **8En esa misma región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, turnándose para cuidar sus rebaños.9Sucedió que un ángel del Señor se les apareció. La gloria del Señor los envolvió en su luz, y se llenaron de temor.10Pero el ángel les dijo: «No tengan miedo. Miren que les traigo buenas noticias que serán motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo. 11Hoy les ha nacido en la ciudad de David un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor. 12Esto les servirá de señal: Encontrarán a un niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre.»****13De repente apareció una multitud de ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían:****14«Gloria a Dios en las alturas,    y en la tierra paz a los que gozan de su buena voluntad.»****15Cuando los ángeles se fueron al cielo, los pastores se dijeron unos a otros: «Vamos a Belén, a ver esto que ha pasado y que el Señor nos ha dado a conocer.»** |

**SONG  *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** hymn 270 led byAnne-Marie Rozsa

1Hark 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.”

2.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 God-head see

Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell.

Jesus, our Emanuel!

***When the World Seems Scary*** Pr. José’s family, Daniela with Lucia and cousin, Giselle



**SERMON Pastor Carol**

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Joy to the World* hymn 267 led by the Bethlehem Virtual Choir

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,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**Prayers**

**Offering special music video** Merry Christmas to Bethlehem from Hank Honschul!

*What Child Is This* Hank Honschul, guitar

**oFFERING PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

*Those communion from home can have the elements sitting out on a small table for blessing as Pastor speaks the Words of Institution. Pastor Carol will then invite you to receive.*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Rezamos el Padre Nuestro, cada uno en su propio idioma; Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

*The body and blood of Christ given for you. (From the altar)*

**Special music** Peg Youngren, piano

**announcements**

*We take a moment to light candles for the closing song.*

**Song Candlelight Singing of *Silent Night, Holy Night!*   led by Anne-Marie Rozsa**

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.



1 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor! Todo duerme en derredor.

Entre los astros que esparcen su luz, bella anunciando al niñito Jesús

Brilla la estrella de paz, brilla la estrella de paz.

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!

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.

**Dismissal** Go in peace, with Jesus in your heart. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Merry Christmas Bethlehem!**

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