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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, far as the curse is found.

# **Dismissal**

Go with Joy, Christ has come among us!

Thanks be to God!

# **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24, 2024 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

# (from selections below)

Prelude	Judy England, piano
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What Child is This!	Arr. E. Rocherolle
I Wonder As I Wander	Arr. M. Hayes
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Arr. E. Rocherolle
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	Arr. Mark Hayes
We Three Kings	Arr. E. Rochérolle

(7:00pm)

Still, Still Arr. Melody Bober Angels From the Realms of Glory Arr. Lloyd Larsen

# **Welcome** Pastor Reba Kiger-Kolash

# **Oh Come All Ye Faithful** ELW 283 Vs 1,3

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 ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

#### **Invocation** Pastor Reba

Long ago this night was brilliant with the birth of Your Son. Turn our hearts again toward Bethlehem and Christ's coming among us. May the carols and Scripture this evening warm our hearts and light our souls. In Jesus' name.

#### Amen

# **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear** ELW 282 Vs. 1,2

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.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing, and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

# First Reading 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 their 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.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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.

# **A Christmas Prayer**

Gracious God, the wonder of this holy night fills us with hope and peace. Thank you for helping us to remember and celebrate once again the wonder of Your love and Your presence in this world. Thank you for the gift of Your son. May peace fill our hearts, our homes and our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Joy to the World EL

ELW 267 Vs. 1,2,3

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.

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. (cont.) 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.

This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

# Offering

Pastor Reba

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#### What Can I Give Him

Music by Don Cason

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise-man I would do my part; Yet what can I give him? Give Him my heart.

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# **Candle Lighting Ceremony**

# Silent Night, Holy Night ELW 281

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. (cont.)

# **Angels We have Heard on High**

ELW 289 Vs. 1, 3

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.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

# Gospel Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

# Away in a Manger

**ELW 277** 

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 cradle till morning is nigh. (cont.)

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.

### Gospel Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW 270

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!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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 Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!" (cont.)

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.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

# Gospel Luke 2:15-20

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Kids Time** Pastor Reba

(5:00pm)

**Emmanuel, (Hallowed Manger Ground)** by C. Tomlin and Ed Cash

(7:00pm)

When Love Was Born Words and Music by B.

Herms, S. Lewis, M. Shultz **Message**Pastors Reba and Leroy

# **The First Noel** ELW 300 Vs. 1,2,4

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. (cont.)