

Christmas Eve



The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawai'i

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .

Church Of All Peoples . . .

. . . Hele Pu Ma'ou me Iesu Kristo

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11:00 Service

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Remembering Our Military

As we gather for worship, please remember those serving us in the military, and the families of our Hawai'i National Guard. These names have been given by loved ones and family members: Navy – TJ, Javinar, Kristian Matsumoto, Coast Guard - Brian Rodriguez, Navy - Kiana Alisna, Coast Guard - Ke'ale Renta Army - Jason Lumacad, Levi Fajardo: Air Force - Steven Javinar, Ikaika Fajardo, Army - Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton: National Guard - Benji MacKenzie, Eddie Resinto, Fred Casticimo, Philip Kamakea, Anthony Y. Torres, Master Sgt. If you know of someone you would like added to our prayer list, please advise the church office.

Introduction

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

Welcome to Our Guests

It is always a joy to share our faith and worship with people visiting from around the world. Please know your presence and participation in our service is most appreciated. At Lihue Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion at every service. You are certainly welcome in joining us as our Lord comes to us in this holy meal.

Introduction

God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

Overview

Those who hear and do

Who is God's family? Where is God's home? In the church we often speak of our home parish as a family. Many of us grew up thinking of the church building as God's house. But the readings for this day call us to anticipate that Emmanuel might understand kinship and home in different ways. As we approach Christmas, which in our culture is increasingly a celebration of hearth and home more than a public festival, the inclusiveness of God's promise rings out from these readings.

The temple often stood in the imagination of Israel as the "house of God," but in 1 Samuel God expresses reservations before the temple is even built. The promise made to David is not about the building. Instead of the expected places of wealth and power, God chooses to dwell in a *people* instead of a "house of cedar" (2 Sam. 7:2, 7).

So if God is dwelling in a people, who is included in *that* promise? Although no one disputes that Jesus is born of the "house of David," Luke's gospel stresses Mary's lowliness instead of her bloodlines, reminding us that Christ became flesh in the most unlikely circumstances. Later in Luke's gospel, when someone mentions his family to Jesus, he says his family includes all "who hear the word of God and do it" (8:21). In today's gospel we see Mary acting out that definition of family.

Theological reflection

Mary ponders Gabriel's greeting "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" because she finds it odd and perhaps overly formal to be addressed to her. Yet Gabriel is intentional in addressing her with the respect appropriate to who she is, even if it means going noticeably outside of conventional greetings. Similarly, in worship we greet each other with a respect appropriate to who each of us is as a child of God, even though it may feel odd and overly formal. The presiding minister will usually quote 2 Corinthians 13:13, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" while extending their arms to the assembly, and may even bow when the assembly replies, "And also with you." By emulating a more formal greeting used by Paul and received by the ancient church, we see one another a little differently: as honored members of a community stretching through time and surrounded by God's grace and love.

Announcements and Weekly Events!

Announcements

1. Free Christmas Book – PDF downloadable on our website under the resources tab

The First Days of Jesus: The Story of the Incarnation

2. God's Grindz (Jan and Feb) & Mobile Muchies needs volunteers (Thursday AM)
3. Congratulations to Liedeke Bulder on her acceptance to the graduate training program with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation

Weekly Events

- ◇ Centering Prayer with Liedeke Bulder
Saturday, December 26, @ 9-10am via zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456>
- ◇ Youth Group
Sunday, January 10, "Christ is born, so now what?" @ 5:30-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- ◇ Ghetto Sweet Tarts
Monday, January 11, "" @ 5:30-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- ◇ BOBS Table Talk – Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent
Tuesday, January 11, Ephesians @ 5:30-7:00pm, Conference Room, <https://zoom.us/j/91319975631>
- ◇ Women's Book Study – TBD
Wednesday, January 12 @ 7:30-8:30pm via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96513446272>

Christmas Eve

Order for Worship

Prelude

Solo

“Ava Maria”

Eduardo Valenciana

Christmas Greeting

Type into the Facebook chatbox and respond and say “Aloha!” to those joining us here locally and others from around the world!

Moment of Mindfulness

Take a moment to center your heart and prepare your heart for worship.

**Gathering Song (versus 1, 3 and 4) O Come All Ye Faithful*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

The Bidding Prayers

- P Let us come before our new-born King in prayer.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- P Christ, have mercy upon us.
- C Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, name called Wonderful, Jesus, our great Counselor, Jesus, true and mighty God, Jesus, Prince of Peace:

C We praise and bless your holy name.

P Jesus, Son of David, Jesus, Branch of Jesse, Jesus, Bright and Morning Star:

C Deliver us from our sins, we beseech you.

P Jesus, Scepter of Israel, Jesus, Light of the Gentiles, Jesus, Desire of Nations, Jesus, Sun of Righteousness:

C Help us and bless us.

P O Jesus, hear us,

C And prepare us for your coming.

P Lead us to your manger throne,

C And give us your peace.

P The peace 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.

Christmas Reading

Genesis 3:8-13, 17-19

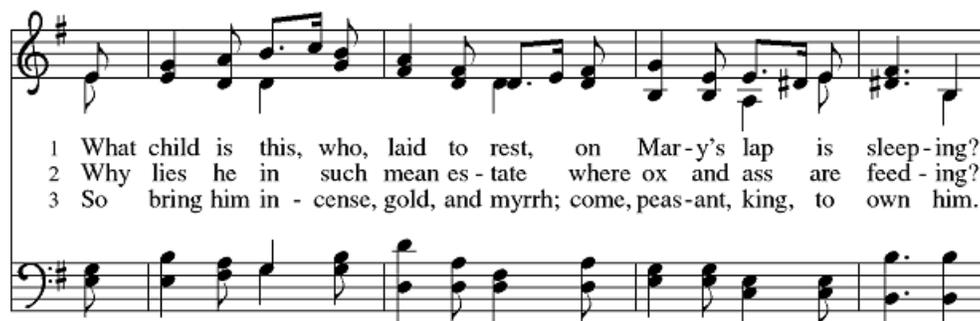
If indeed, the primary focus of Christmas is the birth of a Savior, then it leaves the question: "From what do we need to be saved?" The first reading from Genesis describes the entrance of sin into our lives and creation, and the consequences our sin brings in the brokenness from God, each other, and the world.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

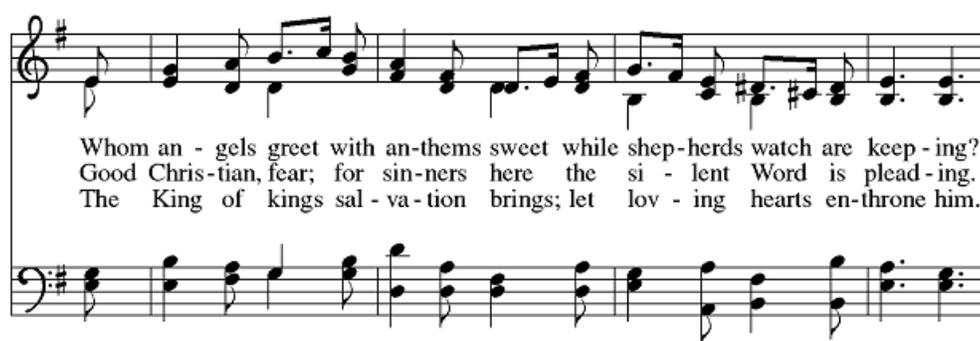
¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Christmas Carol

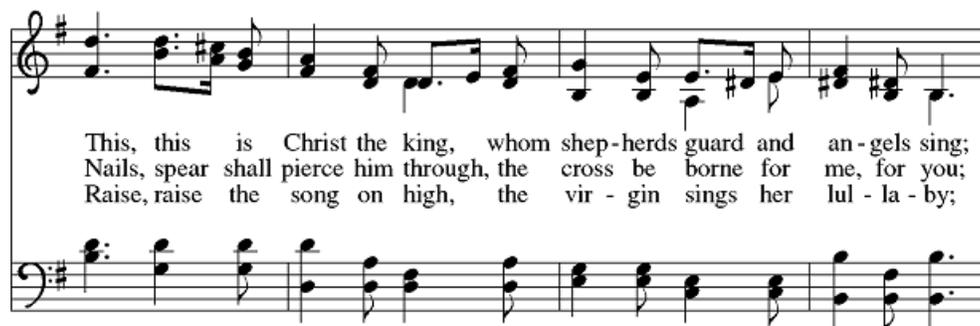
What Child is This



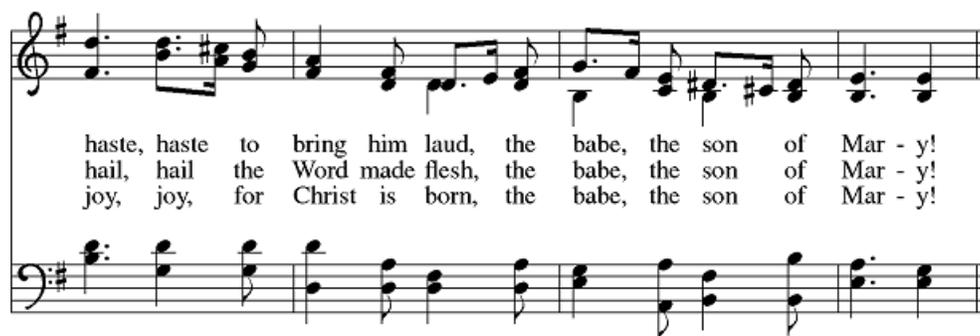
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Christmas Reading

Genesis 22:15-18

The second reading reveals God's response to the pervasiveness of our sin and broken lives. Our God is a God of promise, and freely gives His promising word to Abraham. God pledges to Abraham that He will save his people, enabling God to live with them, and they with God. A covenant, a promise, a pledge is given.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Christmas Carol

Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in -

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

Christmas Hula—Mele Ohana

Gloria Giraldo

This mele sends LOVE to all the families that can't be together this holiday!

Christmas Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Our next reading begins to reveal how God will fulfill his promise to Abraham and his descendants. At the right time, God will send a ruler, in the lineage of King David, who will possess the Spirit of God. Through this kind's rule, God's kingdom will come, and those who have been in darkness will see the light of God

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone. ⁶For to us a child is
born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

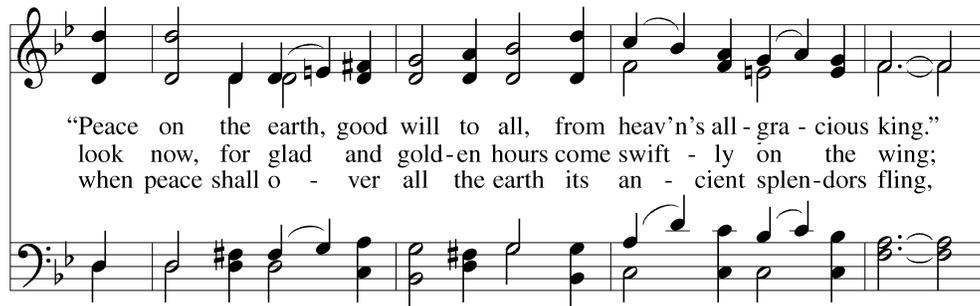
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Christmas Carol

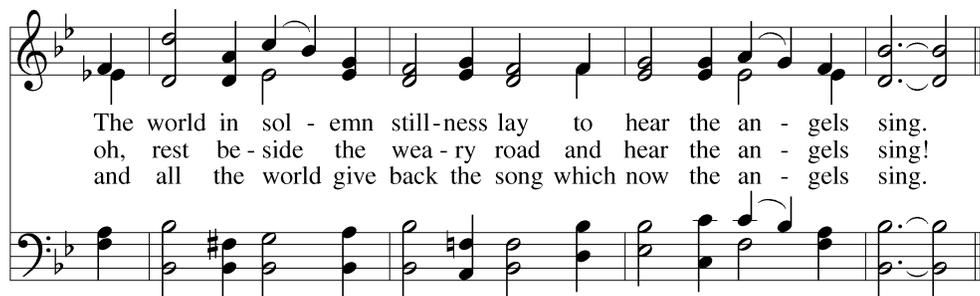
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling.



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Christmas Reading

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

In the darkness of our world the light of God can seem dim. The time-span of turmoil can make it seem as if God is slow to act or even absent. In the reality and persistence of our pain it can seem as if the hope of God is a far off fantasy. Such was the situation for the Hebrew people as the Davidic dynast was conquered and the Hebrew people were led off into captivity. Yet, even then, and perhaps especially then, God speaks his word of promise. Our God is not done with us yet.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the

LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young
goat,

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf
together;

and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of
the cobra,

and the weaned child shall put his hand on the
adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the
LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

Christmas Carol

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Christmas Reading

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The time for God to act. In our fifth reading we hear of God's plan to use Mary to bring the light and power of God into the world through the birth of a son. While perplexed and not understanding, Mary responds in faith, "I am the Lord's servant." May we, with Mary, be instruments through which God brings His light and power into the world. And when we fail to understand and comprehend God's ways,

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most

High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Christmas Carol

Magnificat

Cantor: An angel went from God to the town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to here, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



1,3. My soul pro - claims your great - ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re - joic - es - in you - You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. -
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part -



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind - ness
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One, strong is your jus - tice,



ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong your love, As you prom - ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart
Sar - ah and A bra ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Christmas Reading

Luke 2:1-7

In our next reading, we hear the completion of God's entrance into our lives and world as Mary gives birth to her son. But, God does not come into the world through vague generalities or generic spirituality. God enters the world at a specific time and in a specific place in history. The writer of Luke makes this clear. As you again hear this story, may you know your God does not come to you in generalities and generic ways. Instead, your God's Word is spoken at a specific time and place—it is spoken today, to you.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was

of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Christmas Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Christmas Reading

Luke 2:8-16

Throughout the Christmas readings, the angel's role is very pronounced. In scripture the purpose of angels is to make the Word of God clear and understandable to mortals who desperately need to know God's Word of love and hope. We do not hear God directly, yet, His voice continues to come to us through the angels in our lives, those special people who make visible God's Word of love and hope. As we have been given God's Word, may we also be the angels who continue to speak and make clear God's Word to those who need to hear it.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"^[a]

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Christmas Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score includes three verses of lyrics, a refrain section with a melodic line and piano accompaniment, and a final section with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.



Christmas Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

As the news of Jesus' birth spread to distant lands and royal palaces, the presence of the Christ child brought a challenge. For some it was the light they knew they must follow. When they discovered the light, they poured their gifts before Him. But for others, like King Herod, this light was a threat. When they discovered the light it was perceived as a danger to their self-centered ways and self-rule. The challenge of the Christ child continues today. You must decide if this child is the light you will follow pouring your life out before Him. Or, is the discovery of this light a threat to your ability to govern your own life in your own way.

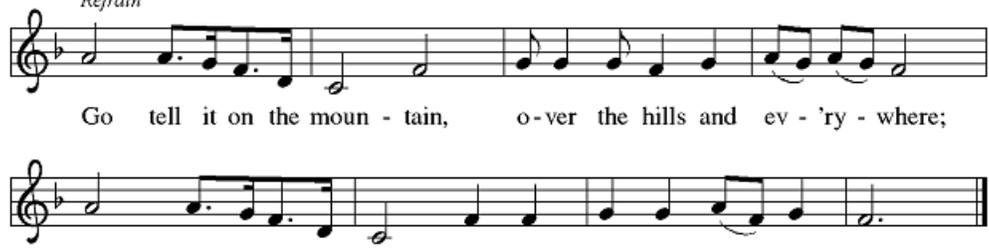
Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and

search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

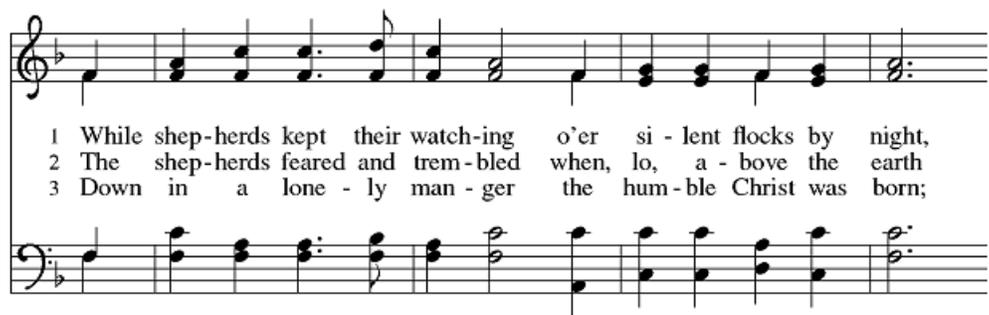
Christmas Carol

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Christmas Reading

John 1:1-14

In triumphant acclaim, our last reading from the Gospel of John brings us the assurance that God's light will not be overcome by the darkness of our world, or by the darkens in our lives, or by the darkness of our sin. This light is now in our midst, and in this light we are able to behold the faith and love given to us this day. How can we not treasure and worship this Holy gift?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was

not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him,

who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Offering

Offertory Response

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an-gel-ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born king!"

Christmas Communion

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to our new born King.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P We give thanks for the continued love born and brought into our midst through your Son.
- C Amen.**

*The Words of Institution

(All are welcome to share in this meal with us. The sacraments are provided in accordance to synodical guidelines in collaboration with CDC, state, and local precautions. If you do not have sacraments, please raise your hand and an usher will bring them to you.)

*The Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Makua, Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele
- C Amen

Communion Song

The Christmas Lord's Prayer



Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name! Your Kingdom a-
The bread that we yearn for, Pro - vide us each day: As we forgive
For yours is the Kingdom; O'er all things You reign, And yours is the



mong us, Your will done the same. By mortals and angels; Come,
others, Our sins take a - way. In times of temp - ta - tion, to



Lord, reign a - lone: Oh, hear us and bless us, From heaven's high throne.
lead us be near; From ev - il de - liv - er, Your children most dear.
sound - ing a - gain, From all of cre - a - tion, For - ever. A - men

Candlelight Solo

Kurt & Noreen Javinar

Candlelight Christmas Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Dismissal

P Go in peace, share the gift of Jesus!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Mele Kalikimaka

Participants

A special word of thanks to Mark Murie, our cantor, for his witness and ministry with Lihue Lutheran. Aloha and Mele Kalikimaka to you and Clark Firmreite as you move to North Dakota.

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