



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Christmas Eve Worship

**Contemporary Worship with the Revelation Ensemble
8 PM Sunday, December 24, 2024**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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**FOR A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US...
ISAIAH 9:6**



Prelude

Pastorale, Op. 6, No. 8 (Christmas Concerto) by Corelli

ELC String Ensemble: Kathy Johnson (viola), Ian Johnson (violin), Kris Johnson (cello), Patricia Trillet (violin), Natalie Trillet (bass), Naomi Trillet (cello), & Marion McInturff (violin)

Welcoming Anthem

Make Room

Verse 1

A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow

Verse 2

A sleeping town they did not know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior king who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

Chorus 1

Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story

Verse 3

Shepherds counting sheep at night
Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight
God has come to raise the lowly

Chorus 2

You can come as you are
It may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

Verse 4

A mother holds the promise tight



Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight the burden's light
For in His hands He holds tomorrow

Mark Hall, Matt Maher
CCLI Song #7101018

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and ways to give online at elcvienna.org. The liturgy will be projected for those in person. We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside the sanctuary after worship.

Invocation

Pastor: On this holy night of Christ's birth, we are gathered in the name of the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

O Come All Ye Faithful, v. 1,3,4
ELW 283

- 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:

Refrain

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*

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;



Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Gathering Prayer

Leader: 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 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.

All: Amen.

Special Music

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

(Oh) (So) I say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
On that blessed Christmas morn



Verse 4

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

Verse 5

He made me a watchman
Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all

Tag

Go tell it
Go tell it
Go tell it
Go on and tell it

John W. Work Jr., Jonathan Smith, Zach Williams. CCLI Song #7165586.

GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pastor: 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.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

R: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Angels We Have Heard On High
ELW 289, v.1

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

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: 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.



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!”

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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Response

Angels We Have Heard On High
ELW 289, v.2 & 3

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864



Message

“Fear Not” based upon Luke 2 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

Song of the Day

Hark The Herald Angels Sing / King Of Heaven

Verse 1

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 angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen 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
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Chorus

King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name King of Heaven come

Interlude



Oh oh

Verse 3

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
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
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King the newborn King

Ending

King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Jason Ingram, Paul Baloche
CCLI Song #7019799

The Prayers

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice. Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love. Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age. Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



Leader: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity. Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh. Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

All: Come, Lord Jesus. Be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

Peace

Leader: May the peace of the new born Lord be with you always!

All: And Also with you.

Leader: Let us share God's peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at www.elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!

Offertory Song

When Hope Came Down

(Lyrics for reflection.)

Verse 1

So this is how it was
A silent night like any other
When heaven sent the One
The One that we would call our Savior
And redemption began in a stable in Bethlehem

Chorus

All of the angels lifted up their voices
And filled the night with hallelujahs
God is with us now
Ev'ryone come and join the heav'nly chorus
Our Savior King is here before us
O to hear the sound
The song creation sang when Hope came down

Verse 2



So this was truly God
Wrapped up in a tattered blanket
Hope was fin'lly here
Sleeping while the world awakened
And redemption began with a baby in Bethlehem

Bridge
So let us sing redemption songs
Let us worship Christ the Holy One
We were lost but we were found
When Hope came down

CCLI Song # 6516129. Ben Glover | Kari Jobe.

THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

Holy Communion

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Instructions

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

Communion Music

In the Bleak Midwinter
Holst, arr. Phillippe
ELC String Ensemble

What Child Is This?

ELW 296

- 1 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!
- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem, v.1, 2, & 4

ELW 279

- 1 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.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!
- 4 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

The First Noel, v. 1-2

ELW 300

- 1 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.

Refrain



Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 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. *Refrain*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
ELW 282, v.1-2, 4

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 4 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

Service of Light

(Please remain seated.)



Pastor: A reading from John, chapter 1.

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



Revelation Anthem (Candle Lighting)

Adore

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Chorus

Adore

Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Verse 2 (candlelighting begins)

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life my love my all

Bridge

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

Graham Kendrick, Martin Chalk
CCLI Song #7050417

(Please rise in body or spirit.)



Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW 281

- 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.
- 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 thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Christmas Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Candles may be extinguished.

Sending Song

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing



And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world 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

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

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

CCLI Song # 5607039

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Matt Gilder

Dismissal

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Peace to God's people on earth!

Pastor: As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

It's Christmas

CCLI Song # 7050425

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash



Merry Christmas to you, and thank you for worshipping with us tonight! Join us again Sunday morning at 10 AM as we continue to celebrate the Holy Days of Christmas in person and online here at Emmanuel.

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multi-cultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

Our Welcome Statement

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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