

Christmas Eve Worship

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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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 <u>elcvienna.org</u>. 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

 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 Io 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

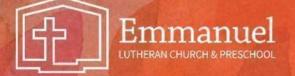
Tag Go tell it Go tell it Go tell it Go on and tell it

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 darknesson 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

 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

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 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.

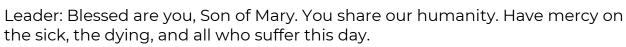
Leader: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice. Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.



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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 <u>www.elcvienna.org/give</u> 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

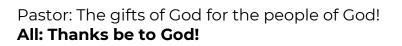
Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



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

- 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

- 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

 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

ELW 300



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

- 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.)

ELW 281



Silent Night, Holy Night

- 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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