

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2020**

**St. Luke RADIANT**  
(e-worship)



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## Merry Christmas!

We welcome all of you to our St. Luke Radiant worship service this Christmas Eve – a holy night to celebrate Christ's birth! We hope that God may lighten our world and brighten your hearts with peace during this season of Christmas!

We will be celebrating communion this evening followed by a candlelight service.

As is our practice in-home worship, we invite you to: light a candle or all of your advent candles(!); open your Bibles (or the worship bulletin to the texts and carols); and have your candles ready for our candlelight portion of our service.

For the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**, please prepare a plate with one slice, piece, or loaf of bread to be broken and shared, and enough cups of wine (red, rose or white are all fine) or grape juice for each participant. Cover everything with a clean cloth or napkin.

### Prelude

*Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 No, 8,  
fatto per la notte di Natale  
'made for Christmas night'  
Arcangelo Corelli*

### Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. We have beheld Christ's glory; glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel-which means, "God with us."

**Immanuel, God is with us. It is in His name that we worship, live and hope.**

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us go to the city of David and worship Christ the Lord!**



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!

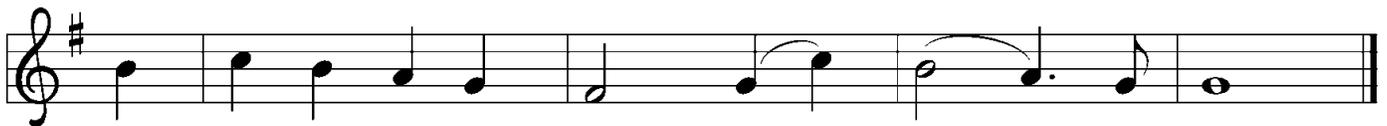


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*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!

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

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen**

## WORD

### First Lesson

**Luke 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

### Meditation

#### *Breath of Heaven*

*Chris Eaton and Amy Grant,  
arr. Craig Courtney*

I have travelled many moonless nights,  
Cold and weary, with a babe inside.  
And I wonder what I've done, Holy Father,  
You have come and chosen me now to carry  
Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer.  
I am frightened by the load I bear.  
In a world as cold as stone Must I walk this  
path alone?  
Be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together  
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.  
Breath of Heaven  
Breath of Heaven, Lighten my darkness,  
Pour over me Your holiness,  
For you are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder, as You watch my face,  
If another should have had my place?  
But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan.  
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,  
Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.  
Breath of Heaven, Lighten my darkness,  
Pour over me Your holiness,  
For you are holy, Breath of Heaven.

## Second Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

## Carol ELW 289

## 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.

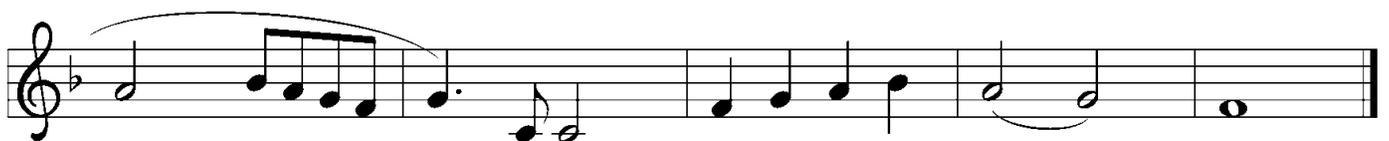
### Refrain



Glo - ri - a



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



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

## Third Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### Carol ELW 288

### *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

*led by The Choirs of  
St Luke and St Timothy Lutheran Churches*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

Hymn of the Day ELW 296

*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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

**Prayers of the People**

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world and all who are in need

- response after each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- response after the final petition: **Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Within a household, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world.*

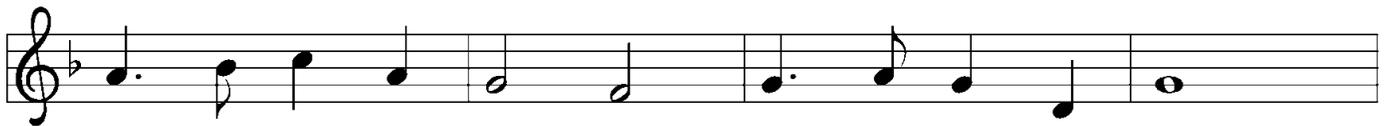
## Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may place our offerings in the basket in the aisle. We may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for **December** will go to spread joy through **Camino de Vida NM – Iglesia Christiana** our partner church and a shared Hispanic/Latino ministry of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA and Presbyterian Church USA.*

## Offering Hymn ELW 294

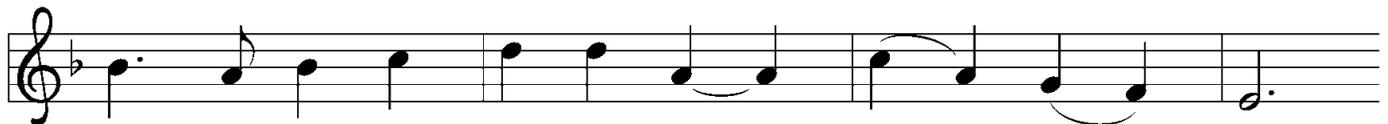
## *In the Bleak Midwinter*



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

**you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD COMMUNION



*Each household uncovers the wine and bread prepared earlier.  
All participants join in the parts printed in **bold**.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

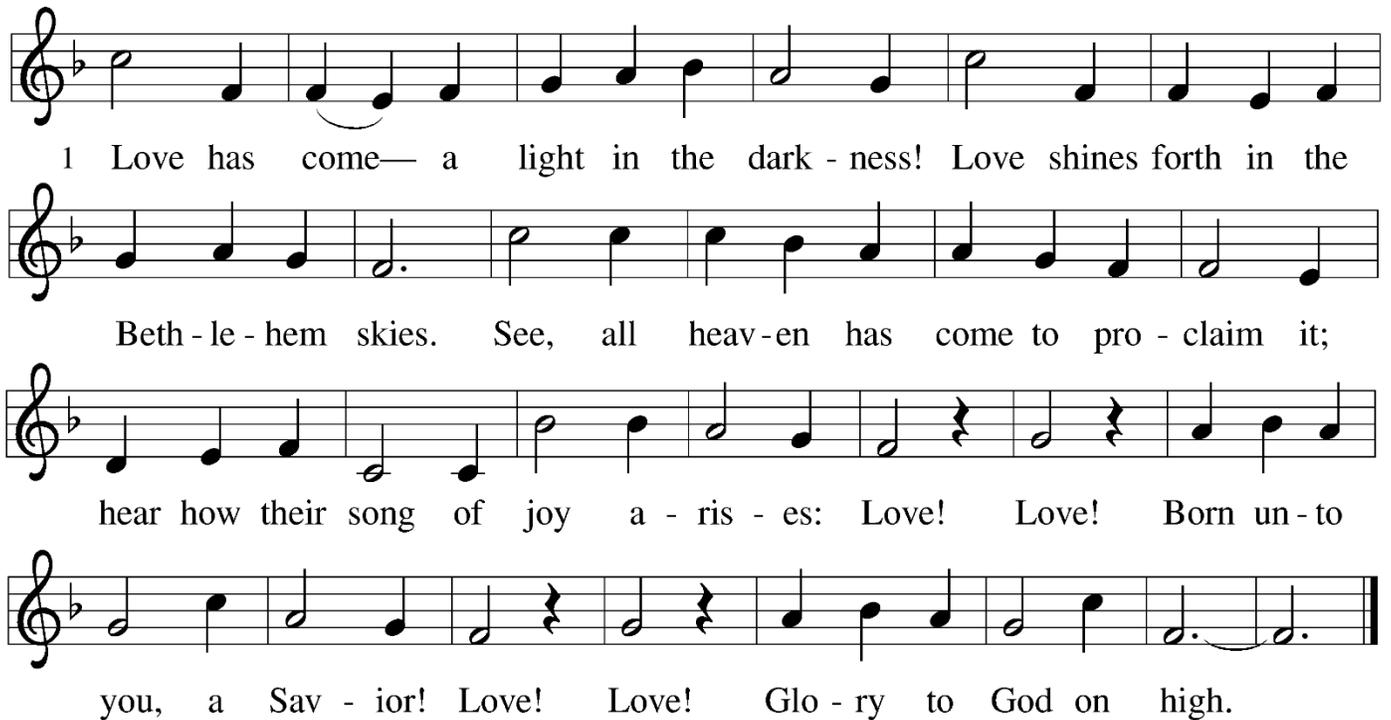
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Gathered in Christ's name in our church and in our households, we pray our many tables would become your One Holy Table, O LORD. With the beloved family of Christ throughout this city, with Christian households throughout the world, together also with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise your name, and join in one unending hymn:



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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Today again, in this Kairos moment of Christmas, we remember with thanksgiving how, “In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**‘Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.’**

Again, after supper, Jesus 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.’”**

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in churches and households throughout the world, are here also given for us. Remembering Christ’s love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. **Amen.**

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*Please distribute the bread and the wine,  
saying to each person (or aloud for yourself):*

**The body of Christ, given for you;  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**





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 -



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.



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



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

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

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## Communion Blessing

Let us pray,

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and one cup and made us one with Jesus. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# CANDLE LIGHTING

As we begin singing "Silent Night,"  
please begin lighting your candles at home and join us in song!

## Carol ELW 281

## Silent Night Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Franz Gruber, arr. Hal Hopson  
led by The Sanctuary and Salt & Light Choirs



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



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



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
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



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

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

# SENDING

## Blessing

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn ELW 267

*Joy to the World*  
led by The Choirs of  
St Luke and St Timothy Lutheran Churches



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



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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**Fantasia on 'In Dulci Jubilo', BWV 729**

*J.S. Bach*

# **POINSETTIAS ARE OFFERED THIS NIGHT, TO THE GLORY OF GOD**



**Les & D'Ann Anderson**

In thanksgiving for great-granddaughter Lydia

**Betty Ann Arner**

In thanksgiving for grandchildren Caden and Silas

**Lori Erven**

In thanksgiving for Cierra, Chelsea, Brian and Beau

**Hollowwa Family**

In memory of Barbara Harris, Chris's sister

**Joyce Mills**

In honor of grandchildren Taylor & Zachary

**Judy Moore**

**Daleen Olson**

In loving memory of Dale & Jane Sly, Leland & Zelma Wilder,  
William & Reta Sly, and Bruce MacDonald

**Ed & Sue Walters**



Participating in Today's Worship

Pastor Christa von Zychlin and Pastor Wayne Nieminen

Organist: John Garlisch

String Quartet: Nicolle Manicai, violin,  
Gabriela da Silva Fogo, violin,  
Luiz Barrionuevo, Viola  
Melinda Mack, cello

The Choirs of St Luke and St. Timothy Lutheran Churches

Vocalists: Augustin Arredondo, Pauleta Hendrickson,  
and Molly Rosenshein

Audio-visual: Greg Anderson

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