

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory"

A CHRISTMAS LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Christmas Day

December 25, 2020

+ PREPARATION +

AS WE GATHER

Jesus Christ is born this day! The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. We recall the good news of great joy that the angels delivered to the shepherds, and we consider how we can spread the joy of Jesus to our communities.



David Garcia, *Organ*
Pastor Stephen Heimer

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" v.1-2,4-5 Lutheran Service Book 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING ADORATION

P The people who walked in darkness

C **have seen a great light!**

P For behold, I bring you good news of great joy!

C **Unto us is born this day a Savior!**

P He is Christ, the Lord!

C **Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!**

PSALM 98

Psalm 98

**¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

**²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

**⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

**⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

**⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Today we celebrate Christmas, the incarnation of Jesus, the Word of God becoming flesh. Jesus came to bring peace and joy through all the earth, yet centuries later, our world is still filled with war and violence, hopelessness and despair. Too often, we have spread the evils of the world, rather than the joy and peace of Jesus. But our heavenly Father invites us to come before Him to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have failed to live in the joy and peace of Jesus. We have taken Your salvation for granted. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we know the joy of the Lord.**

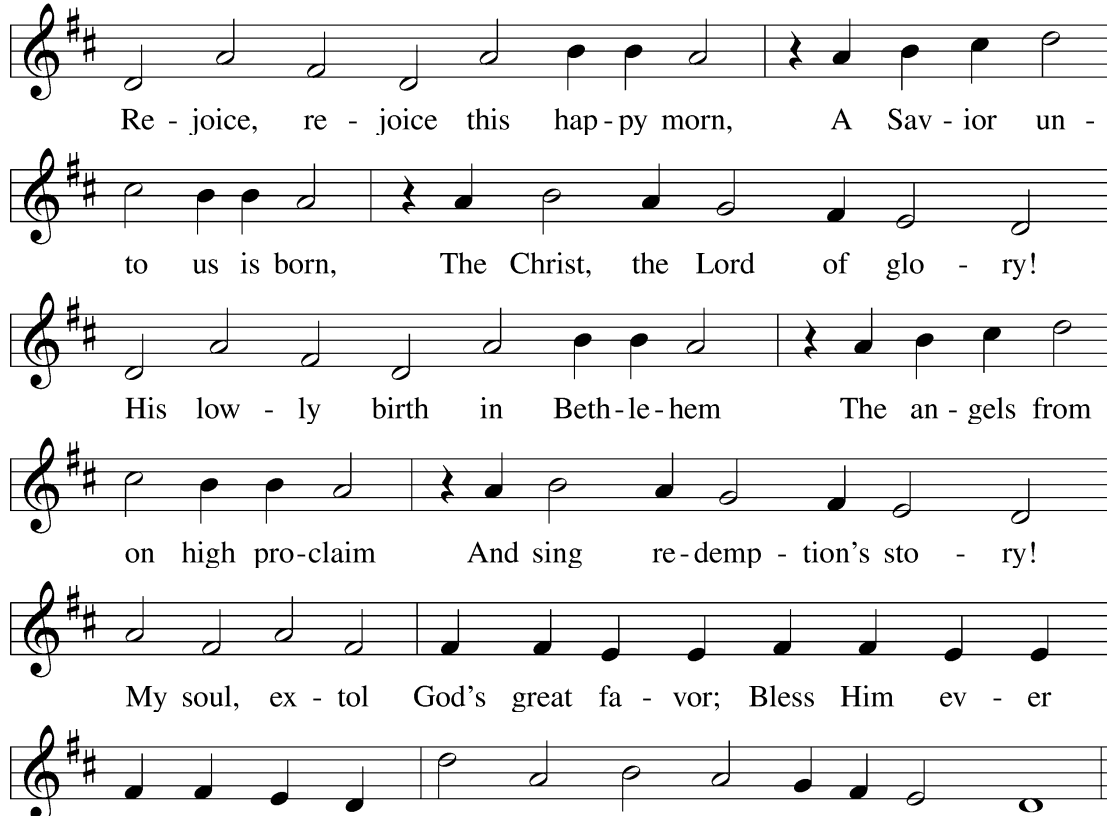
P Our heavenly Father sent Jesus to embrace all people. Jesus comes to heal the sick, to preach good news to the poor, and to forgive sinners like you and me. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are joyful in Jesus. We are forgiven in Christ.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

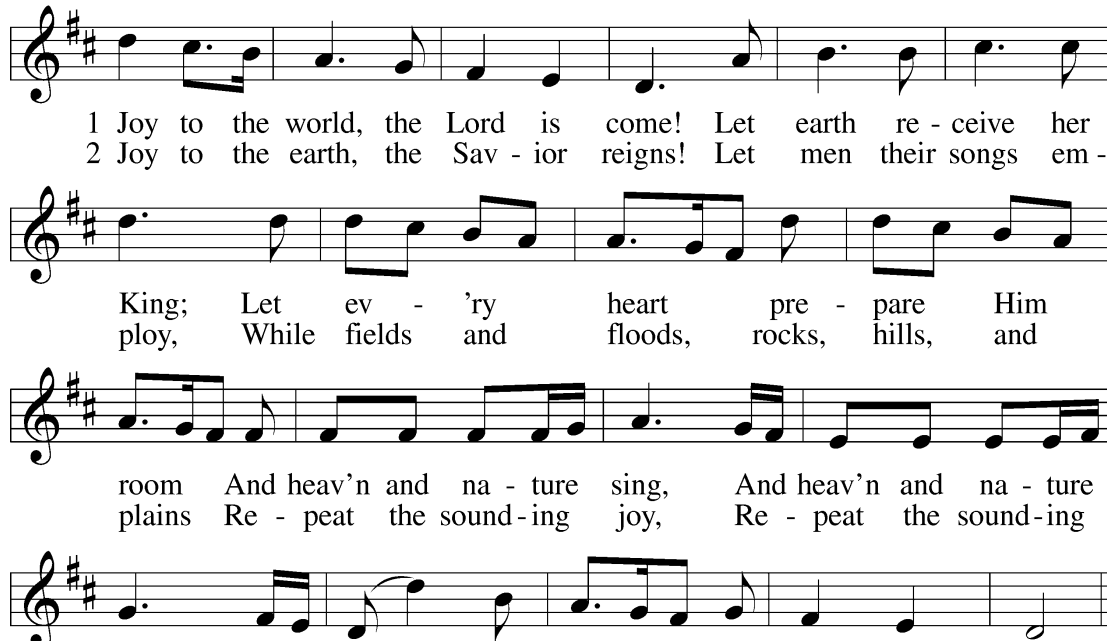
CHRISTMAS HYMNS OF PRAISE

LSB 391 & 387



Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -
to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!
His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from
on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!
My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er
For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
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
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Word of God made flesh of the Virgin, full of grace and truth, enlighten the hearts and minds of Your people that we may feast upon Your Word by faith and be reborn by Your power as the children of God; whom with the Father and the Son You are one God and one Lord, both now and forevermore.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The Lord comforts His people.)

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Now He has spoken through His Son.)

Hebrews 1:1–6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

VERSE

G Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

(The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.)

John 1:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In 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.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For
 2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With
 3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy



sin - ners You be - came a child. You came from
 God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for
 fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we



heav - en down to earth In hu - man flesh through
 all the ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's righ - teous
 have be - longs to You; O keep us faith - ful,



hu - man birth. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 an - ger stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

"Born for You!" The Lessons

OFFERING

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Father, on this day we recall how great is Your infinite love for us, sending Your Son into our world wrapped in our flesh as a tiny child to forgive our sins.

G **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**

(sung) **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; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel! (LSB 361)**

P Jesus, on this day we recall how great is Your infinite love for us. You gave up heaven to live on earth as one of us, and one with us, to forgive our sin.

G Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.

(sung) **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.** (LSB 364)

P Holy Spirit, on this day we recall how great is Your infinite love for us, gathering us together through the waters of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.

G Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received in faith, and kept unto life eternal.

(sung) **Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, A quiet chamber set apart, For You to dwell within my heart.** (LSB 358)

PRAYER FOR MISSION, PEACE, AND UNITY

P Lord, God, Father of us all, Ruler of the universe, look from heaven upon Your Church, upon all Your people, upon those in our community who do not know You, and upon this congregation. Give us Your peace, Your love, and Your help. Send us the gifts of Your Spirit, so that with a clean heart and a good conscience we may greet one another in the unity of Your Spirit and in the bond of peace and love. Bring us to the fullness of Your love in Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed in the unity of the Spirit, one God, forever and ever. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

G Amen.

(Here all present may greet one another with a handshake and the words "PEACE", "PEACE BE WITH YOU", "BLESSED CHRISTMAS", or other appropriate greetings in the NAME OF JESUS)

AGNUS DEI

(sung to the tune: "Joy to the World" LSB 387)

Joy to the world, the Lamb of God,
Is born for us today!
He comes to spread His joy abroad,
The light, the peace, the way,
The light, the peace, the way,
The light, the light, the peace, the way.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy Lord and mighty God, from the beginning You have displayed Your glory in mercy, bringing from nothing all that is and still sustaining Your creation. Tainted by sin and scarred with death, Your creation lived in darkness until Your Word became flesh. He dwelt among us full of grace and truth and has shown forth the light of hope and salvation for all the world. Rejoicing in the promise of His grace, we have, by the Holy Spirit, confessed Him as Lord and been absolved of our sins that we might receive Him here with good conscience. Grant us to be strengthened by this blessed communion and equipped to bear in our lives the fruits of His redeeming love, serving You with all our heart, mind, body, and strength, and loving our neighbor as Christ has loved us.

G Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung to the melody of "Away in a Manger," LSB 364)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone.
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne!**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day.
As we forgive others, our sins take away.
In times of temptation, to lead us be near.
From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom! O'er all things you reign!
 And yours is the power, all things to maintain!
 To you be the glory, resounding again
 From all of creation, forever! Amen!**

BENEDICTION

- P** May God the Father hold you in His comfort, peace, and joy.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the Lord Jesus Christ who entered our world as the Son of Mary enter your hearts with His grace.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the Holy Spirit unwrap the gifts of the Lord's salvation in your soul.
- C** **Amen.**

(Sung to the melody of "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you, look with love upon you,
 Be gracious and cause his face to shine with peace!
- C** **Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
 The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us,
 The Spirit's power to guide us evermore! Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the announcements, the Livestream comes to an end and the service of the sacrament continues. If you are unable to be present in the sanctuary due to health concerns but desire to receive the sacrament of the altar, Pastor Stephen and an elder will be available curbside on Birch St. between 12:30 and 1pm today that you might partake while remaining in your vehicle. As you wait curbside, pray aloud the prayers below in preparation for the sacrament:

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess:

✠ **I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.**

✠ **I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.**

✠ **I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.**

✠ **Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.**

For those communicants preferring it, a light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice can be found at the center of each tray of wine (fruit of the vine). Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.

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+ RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT +

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us, that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

COMMUNION INVITATION

P The Cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Come, for Christ invites you to his table. And He has made everything ready.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you will be receiving the Lord's Supper today, please wait as ushers guide each household forward. Remain standing and the pastor will serve you the sacrament in plastic cups. Take those cups with you as you return to your seat, placing them in one of the baskets located at either side of the sanctuary.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN: 366 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
 When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
 A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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HYMN: 392 GOD LOVES ME DEARLY



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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HYMN: 380 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!



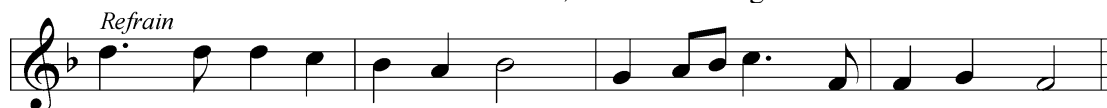
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" LSB 361)

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O Lord, Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, grant that Your light shine forth in us and through us, that we may carry the holy joy of this day into all eternity; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard On High" LSB 368



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.

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POSTLUDE

David Garcia, *Organ*

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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| 12/27 | Sunday | 9:15 AM | "Exodus" Bible Study |
| | | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| 12/31 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | New Year's Eve Prayer Service |



**The Poinsettias as a floral offering in our Sanctuary
have been given TO THE GLORY OF GOD by:**

Pat Wende, in memory of Charles Wende and Billie Sue Lillge

Jim Smith, in memory of Karma Smith

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Sharon Amastae, in memory of Jim and Betty Somppi

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Terry and Linda Chaumont

Lydia and David Williams, in memory of our loved ones in their Heavenly home and in celebration of all
God's Blessings

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Offerings

You can contribute offerings using three main methods:

Online donations: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.zionelpaso.org. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the Zion church office at 2808 Pershing Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. The mail is checked every day.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Join Us on New Year's Eve! We will have an evening service of prayer and praise at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 31st. Join us as we gratefully remember the ways Jesus continues to guide and bless us all as we enter the new year.

We are updating information for the 2021 Directory to keep our Zion community connected to each other, even when we are far apart! Be sure to send us a picture of the people in your household! Also, if you have changed your address or contact information in the past 12 months, please call the church office or email us at info@zionelpaso.org.

2021 Offering Envelopes have arrived and are available to be picked up at the Zion office! The office is open from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you have any questions or if you would like to have your envelopes delivered to you, please call the church at (915) 566-4667.

Eastside Bible Study group will be taking a break during the Season of Advent and will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. We will be studying the CPH series: "Faith on the Edge: Science and the Savior". New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, contact the church office or Lydia Williams at 915-630-2131.

Please Save the Date! Zion's LWML is hosting a Virtual Baby Shower for 2 of Zion's expectant Moms: Martha Sellers, due in May, and Erin Shimkus, due in February! The shower will be held on Zoom in the afternoon of Sunday January 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. and you are invited! We will be presenting a special Baby Shower Devotion focusing on various baby items, with the help of a Thrivent Action Grant, and will also be **collecting Diapers (from sizes Newborn to Size 2) and Baby Wipes** for the 2 Moms and their babies. You are also invited to join this "Diaper and Wipes Collection," which will be divided and shared with the 2 families. **Please RSVP to Lydia Williams at (915) 630-2131 or the Church Office** if you will be attending the shower, so we may send you the Zoom link closer to the shower date. Diapers and wipes will be collected in the Auditorium, in the designated spot, or may be dropped off at the Church Office. Members of LWML will also be happy to pick up these items from your home and/or shop for you. Please let Lydia or the Church Office know. Further information will be forthcoming. Thanks, in advance, for contributing to the collection for the babies! We hope to see you at the Virtual Baby Shower!

The Opportunity Center for the Homeless is in need of wheelchairs, transport chairs and walkers. If you are able to donate any of the above equipment, or know of any possible resources, please contact Jason Cagann at (512) 785-5563 or jcagann@ocelpaso.org OR call the church office at: (915) 566-4667. Thank you!

