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David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

LUKE 2:11

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2021 Christmas Eve Worship Service

Prelude

Kris Claeys

The Christmas Proclamation

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of joy that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you:

you will find a child wrapped in swaddling cloth an lying in a manger.

***Carol: "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"**

No. 45 (vs. 1 & 2)

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, Oh, come ye, to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, born the king of angels:

(Refrain) **Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,**

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Text arr. John F Wade PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Invocation & Confession** *(based on John 1:1-14)*

Pastor: We gather this most blessed night in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **AMEN, Come Lord Jesus, Come.**

Pastor: This most holy of all nights, brings us gladness:

People: **Gladness, because God in Christ left the splendor of Heaven to come and dwell among us.**

Pastor: This night of all nights also brings us to grief:

People: **Grief, because it was for our sin, that God sent His Son to redeem us.**

Pastor: Even though He came into the world, the world did not receive Him.

People: **And at times, we have not received Him either.**

Pastor: For this reason, we confess our need for His grace and truth.

People: **Hear now our prayers of confession, most holy Lord.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this night should also bring us joy

People: **Joy, because we are a people who believe in His name!**

Pastor: And because you believe, I pronounce the (+) forgiveness of all your sins.

People: **With great joy, we claim that promise of the Word made flesh!
AMEN**

***Carol:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 41 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**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.
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!
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 PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

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Carol: *"The First Noel"*

No. 56 (vs. 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the king of Israel!**

**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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the king of Israel!**

Text: English Carol PUBLIC DOMAIN

Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

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Carol: *"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"*

No. 69 (vs. 1, 2 & 6)

**I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.
The little child in Bethlehem, He was a king indeed!
For He came down from heav'n above, to help a world in need.
And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;
And that He loves me ev'ry day, I know so well is true.**

Text: Marie Wexelsen, Tr. Peter A. Sweggen PUBLIC DOMAIN

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

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**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay,
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Text: John Thomas McFarland, Martin Luther, William James Kirkpatrick PUBLIC DOMAIN

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:8-14

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Angel Carols

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 71 (vs. 1)

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o**

Text: Edwin Shippen Barnes, James Chadwick PUBLIC DOMAIN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 60 (vs. 1)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you 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"**

Text: Charles Wesley PUBLIC DOMAIN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

No. 50 (vs. 1)

**Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King**

Text: James Montgomery PUBLIC DOMAIN

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

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Carol: “Oh, Come, Little Children”

**O come, little children, O come, one and all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem’s stall
And see what the Father in heaven so true
Has done to prepare a bright Christmas for you.
Behold, in the manger, that strange little bed,
A Child, sweet and gentle, is resting His head,
A Babe, clad in garments so pure and so white,
And fairer by far than the angels of light.**

Text: Johann A. P. Schultz PUBLIC DOMAIN

The “Not Just for Kids” Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Tom Sahl

***Carol: “Joy to the World”**

No. 39 (vs. 1 & 4)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
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.**

Text: Isaac Watts PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Holy Communion**

Words of Institution - The Lord’s Prayer – Distribution

The Prayers of the Church

Candlelight Service

The pastor’s candle will receive its light from the Christ candle, and the ushers will light their candles from the pastor’s candle. The ushers will then light the candle of the worshipper in each pew nearest the center aisle. It is requested that no lit candles be dipped to avoid wax dripping on the floor. Dip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor’s. When all candles are lit, we shall pray the Christmas litany.

Pastor: At the beginning of all time, in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

People: **Let there be light!**

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the word became flesh and is light to all peoples.

People: **Let there be light!**

Pastor: We have lit our candles, knowing that Jesus is the light of the world.

People: **Let there be light!**

Pastor: In the child of the ages, we are assured that the true light of Christ shines on in redeeming grace.

People: **Let there be light!**

Pastor: By faith in God's begotten Son, we are filled with hope and promise.

People: **Let there be light!**

Pastor: May His light ever shine through you, to the glory of the one of which we sing, Christ, the Savior.

Carol: "*Silent Night*" (Composed for Christmas Eve 1818)

No. 65

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.**

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!

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 your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, tr John F. Young PUBLIC DOMAIN

Benediction (*After which the candles are extinguished, and the lights are returned*)

***Carol:** *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

No. 54 (vs. 1 & 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.

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: Edward H. Sears PUBLIC DOMAIN

***Call to Service**

Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Merry Christmas from all of us at Hope Lutheran Church!

If you provided a poinsettia this evening, please take it to beautify your home.

Please join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30 am, December 26th.

We regularly worship at 9:30 am every Sunday followed by coffee fellowship and Sunday School at 10:45 am.

Mark Your calendar!

Hope's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **January 30th, 2022** after Sunday Worship Service. Reports for the Annual Report are due **January 7th, 2022**.

*A special thanks to all those who helped make Advent and Christmas special, whether you helped decorate, shared your musical talents for the Christmas Program, or served in one of the worship services at Hope Lutheran Church, you provided an important service to your congregation and our guests. **Thank you!***



We give thanks to the following families and individuals who provided the Poinsettias beautifying the sanctuary this night:



In Loving Memory of:

Of family and friends who have passed

Ervin Krutzfeldt

Joe & Ruth Murans

Ervin Krutzfeldt

Parents of Earl & Velma Huber,

George & Helen Logan,

Son Toby & Grandson Dominic

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Loving Father, Lester Kinkel

Parents & Siblings

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Daryel & Shirley Chase

Our Parents

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