

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2010

5:00 PM

St. John Lutheran Church
Champaign, Illinois

Welcome to our Christmas Eve family service. May the joy of Christ's coming into the world lift your hearts and bring you lasting joy. Please complete the yellow registration card in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate as it's passed. If this is your first time at our church, we invite you to visit us again to hear more about the good news that is yours through Jesus. Our regular Sunday services are at 8:00am and 10:45am and we also offer worship on Wednesdays at 7:15pm.

Prelude *"Change-ring Prelude on Divinum Mysterium"* Gramann Alleluia Ringers

Please stand

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Joy to the World

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Sit

Pastor: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pastor: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:26-33)

Lullaby, Jesu arr. Danchik

Alleluia Ringers

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Pastor: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)

Away in a Manger

Pastor: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great 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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
(Luke 2:8-14)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Pastor: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. (Luke 2:15-18)

Once In Royal David's City

The Christmas Message *"What Child Is This?"*
What Child Is This

The Offering is collected. Offerings placed in the special Christmas Eve envelope and all undesignated plate offerings will go to Bethesda Lutheran Home.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Gramann

Alleluia Ringers

Pastor: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:1-2; 9-11)

As with Gladness Men of Old

The Christmas Prayers *(please stand)*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

The Blessing

Silent 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.
Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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Dismissal

Postlude – *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Honore Alleluia Ringers

The pastors and staff of St. John Lutheran Church thank God's people for their gifts of love and encouragement and wish everyone a blessed Christmas and peace in the New Year!

Preaching: Rev. Mark Elliott
Officiant: Rev. Jeff Caithamer
Elders: Dave & Oswald
Acolytes: Matthew & Tyler
Organist, Pianist & Alleluia Ringers Director: Keith Williams

Christmas and New Year's Eve Services

December 24

5:00PM Family Service

7:15PM Holy Communion

10:00PM Candlelight Service

December 25

10:00AM Holy Communion

December 31

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