

"COME AND SEE | GO AND TELL"

**A Christmas Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – 6:30 pm**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

Invocation

P: We come in spirit to the manger this evening to view with eyes of faith the Babe of Bethlehem who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. God our heavenly Father sent us His Son, Jesus, in order that He might bring spiritual light and life to all. We begin our worship of the Babe of Bethlehem, our heaven-sent Savior, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪ Amen.**

Hymn

TLH 102 *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King!
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!

True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, in the highest!
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!

To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!



[Joe] Come and see the reaction of Joseph to his betrothed wife Mary being pregnant with the promised Savior:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with

child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS." (Matthew 1:18-25)

Hymn

TLH 62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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[Mary Anna] Come and see our Savior's birth in a lowly stable:

"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into 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 wife, who was with child." (Luke 2:1-5)

[Jacob] *"So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)*

Hymn

LSB 370 "What Child Is This?"

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!

Why lies He in such mean estate where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross He'll bear for me, for you,
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

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!

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[Jacob] Come and hear the birth announcement of our Savior:

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 'For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.' (Luke 2:8-11)

[Mary Anna] *"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:12-14)*

Choir Anthem

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!



[Jesse] Come and see the shepherds' reaction to the birth of the Savior:

"So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." (Luke 2:15-20)

Hymn by the Choir & Children

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

From out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night,

From out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men now and forevermore. Amen.”

[John] Come and see the Gentile visitors of the Savior, namely, the wise men:

"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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way." (Matthew 2:1-12)

Hymn

LSB 375 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.

Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending,
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.

Jacob's star in all its splendor Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender, Breaking all the powers of hell.

From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.

Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing That Your love has set us free!

Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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[Jacob] Who is this Babe born in Bethlehem? *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder: and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6)

Hymn

LSB 412 (3-6) "The People That in Darkness Sat"

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven, All power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor.
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

His righteous government and power Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.



[Mary Anna] What is your reaction to this Babe but to go and tell?:

O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)

Hymn by the Children & Congregation

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (LSB 388)

Children: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Congregation: Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The Christmas Prayer

P: O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech You, that, as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (says): Amen.

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.

Benediction

P: May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

C:  **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Hymn

LSB 363 “*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! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent Night! Holy Night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Announcements

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

<u>Children</u>	<u>Organist/Pianist</u>
Mary Anna Sprengeler	Suzannah Miller
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Pastor Thomas Schuetze	

Welcome to All to our Christmas Eve Service! What a privilege to join together in celebrating the birth of God's Son, our Savior Jesus. A special welcome to our worship guests. We wish you God's richest blessings in your worship on this Christmas Eve. Please leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. You are invited to return tomorrow for our Christmas Day Worship Service at 9:30 am.

The Twelve Days of Christmas begin tomorrow. This year at St. Paul we plan to hold four services during the Season of Christmas:

Tomorrow	Dec 25 9:30 am	Christmas Day (1 st day of Christmas)
Sunday	Dec 28 9:30 am	Sunday after Christmas (4 th day)
Wednesday	Dec 31 6:30 pm	New Year's Eve (7 th day)
Sunday	Jan 5 9:30 am	Sunday after New Year (11 th day)

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