

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

YORKTOWN, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24, 2024
4:00, & 8:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

PRELUDE

BIRTH PROCLAMATION

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* OPENING HYMN

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

LBW # 50

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er 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.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

4 All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES AND CHRIST CANDLE

L: Almighty Lord, you have fulfilled hopes, dreams, promises, and expectations in ways in which you deem best for us. As we light these candles, we remember that you came into our world and were born for us. As these lights shine to brighten our worship, may your light shine in us that we may brighten the lives of all people who need your love.

C: Amen.

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav’nly song?

Refrain

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Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain

Text: French carol; tr. “Crown of Jesus,” 1862

FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from **Isaiah 9:2-7**.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness --
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing
plunder
4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their
shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping
warriors
and all the garments rolled in
blood
shall be burned as fuel for

the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.
7 His authority shall grow
continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his
kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and
forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do
this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
 for his bed a cattle stall;
 oxen lowing, little knowing
 Christ the child is Lord of all.
 Swiftly winging, angels singing,
 bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
 Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds
 keeping
 vigil till the morning new
 saw the glory, heard the story,
 tidings of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
 praises voicing, greet the morrow:
 Christ the child was born for you!
 Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt

SECOND LESSON: Lector: A reading from **Titus 2:11-14**.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Welcome to our World”

Terry Carmichael

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** *(Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")*

In God the Father we believe the Lord of host His Name.

All things from him their form receive; by his strong word they came.

By him was all created in earth and heav'n above.

He made them all, things great and small, by his great pow'r and love.

In God's son Jesus we believe, who came at God's own hour,

Whom Virgin Mary did conceive by Holy Spirit's pow'r.

He suffered and was buried, was raised at God's own call.

To reign on high, and to draw nigh at last as Judge of all.

In Holy Spirit we believe and in Christ's Church on earth.

The saints, united, faith receive, a gift of precious worth.

He sanctifies and keeps us by his empow'ring love.

Forgiven, we the grave shall flee to live with God above.

***PRAYERS**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *"What Child is This?" (vs. 3)*

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!

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice

for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

*** EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** LORDS PRAYER** (To the tune of "Away in a Manger")

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| 1 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. | 2 The bread that we yearn for Provide us each day, As we forgive others, our sins take away; In times of temptations Lead us to be near From evil deliver Your children most dear. |
| 3 For Yours is the kingdom; o' ver all things You reign And Yours is the power, all things You maintain, To You be the glory, resounding again From all of creation forever! Amen. | |

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Talitha Muehlbrad

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The candles are lit from the Christ Candle, which symbolizes the light of the world of whom John's Gospel speaks. Those assisting will light their candles from the Christmas Candle, then light the candle of the person nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but always held upright when giving light to another.

HYMN

"Silent Night"

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| 1 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. | 2 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! |
| 3 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. | |

BENEDICTION

Candles are extinguished at this time

*** CLOSING HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

LBW # 39

1 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.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 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, 1674-1748

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace this Holy Night, Serve the newborn King.

C: Thanks be to God!

*** indicates times to stand ... as you are able.**

Please feel free to take the poinsettia(s) you purchased home with you.

Thank you to all our youth participants helping to lead the service this evening:

4:00: Piper Peyton, Patrick Peyton, Gwen Kneese, Paige Rippamonti, Madilynn Rippamonti, Laney Lemke

8:00: Trent Forester, Palyn Koopman, Landry Koopman.

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Christmas 2024

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

My Children and Grandchildren, by: Dorothy Mayfield

Our Grandchildren: Wynnlyn & Harvest Janysek, by Billy & Wysenda Fischer

Our Grandchildren: Marley, Carson, Paige and Madi, by: Jesse & Linda Hurta

Our Grandchildren: Jonathon, Ethan, David, Lillian, Evelyn, Caroline, Luke, Julia, and Leisel, Mae Weischwill, and Peyton, Taylor, Jordan, and Tucker Skillman, by: Mark & Betsy Weischwill

Our Parents: Marcellus & Jewel Weischwill, and James & Betty Walton, by: Mark & Betsy Weischwill & Family

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Our Grandparents, by: Jeremy, Lori, Gwen, Hannah, Owen, & Ella Kneese

Wilma J. Billings, by: Michael & Susan Franke

Byron Cramer, by: Judy, Christine, & Barbara

Lillian and Leonard Deskin, by: Gary & Ann Deskin

Henry E. Fischer, by: Billy & Wysenda Fischer

Friends: Jenna Kaiser, Paisley Caldwell, Kasey Davis, and John Barth, by: Mark & Betsy Weischwill and Family

Bobby Fudge, by: His Loving Family

Emil and Allie Geffert, & Ray, by: The Martha Geffert Family

Larry Geffert, by: The Martha Geffert Family

William and Louise Gerhardt, by: Michael & Mary Ressman

Dr. William Gerhardt, by: Michael & Mary Ressman

Monica Gwosdz, by: Alton & Madison Gwosdz, & Shirley Jendrzey

Fred and Anna Hahn, by: Michael & Mary Ressman

Herbert and Elorine Hahn, by: Fred & Carlea Hahn and Family

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Paul Hilbrich, by: Mary Hilbrich & Family

Jimmie and Carlyn Hurst, by: Fred & Carlea Hahn and Family

Leon and Veronica Ibrom, by: David & Patsy Ibrom

Charlie and Edna Jansky, by: David & Patsy Ibrom

Herman and Ella Lee Kerlick, & Morris, by: The Martha Geffert Family

Vernon Kerlick and Annie Kerlick Domann, by: Barbara Kerlick

Warren Lemke, by: Brandon, Crystal, Easton, Lainey, & Mia Lemke

Leland and Annie Lincke, by: Their Loving Family

Roland & Junell Lincke, by: Their Loving Family

Eddie and Lonie Machost, by: The Family

George Matejek, by: Carl, Sharon, & Callen Matejek

Melvin Mayfield, by: Dorothy Mayfield

Jane Mueller, by: Jeremy, Lori, Gwen, Hannah, Owen, & Ella Kneese

Nathan Mueller, by: Barbara Mueller and Lance & Kari Mueller, and Ryan, Christopher, and Kaylynn

Kristi Padgett, by: Michael & Dorothy Sinast

Michael Pattillo, by: Ronnie Afflerbach & Family
Myles Pattillo, by: Ronnie Afflerbach & Family
Louis and Juanita Ressman, by: Michael & Mary Ressman
Herman and Meta Riedesel, by: Charles & Bonnie Riedesel
Victor and Gerry Riske, by: Roger, Kristin, & Sadie Schustereit
Walter and Elvira Roehl, by: Carl, Sharon, & Callen Matejek
Betty Ann Seifert, by: Billy & Wysenda Fischer and Family
Betty Ann "GranGran" Seifert, by: Austin Seifert & Caitlin Reeves
Sonny Seifert, by: Billy & Wysenda Fischer and Family
Sonny "Popo" Seifert, by: Austin Seifert & Caitlin Reeves
Misty Wynette Seifert, by: Billy & Wysenda Fischer
Arvid Sievers, by: Charles & Bonnie Riedesel
Mr. & Mrs. F.C. Sinast, by: Michael & Dorothy Sinast
Margie Smith, by: Jeremy, Lori, Gwen, Hannah, Owen, & Ella Kneese
Clarence Warzecha, by: The Family
Judy Wolpman, by: Kraege & Girls
Herman and Irna Wulf, by: Their Loving Family
Irene Wulf, by: Her Loving Family
Christine and Edward Zaiontz, by: Gary & Ann Deskin

To the Glory of God:

Ronnie Afflerbach Family
Christopher & Hilary and James & Elizabeth Gohmert
Mark & Betsy Weischwill
Michael & Mary Ressmann

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GIFTS TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND:

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Granddaughter, by: Arlen & Kathie Fehner

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Our Parents and Grandparents, by: Arlen & Kathie Fehner
Gordon & Isabella Barrett, by: Toby, Leigh Ann, Mitchell, and Braden Kennedy; Katie and Landry Williams
Dalton and Daisy Borgfeld, by: Jim and Judy Noster
Elorine and Alvin Domann, by: Mary Lee Kozielski
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