



Christmas Eve

11:00

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Zion Lutheran Church Camas, Washington

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Hours: Mon 8-12:00, Tues-Fri 8-5:00

"As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God's saving grace for all."

Welcome – Announcements

Prelude

"Once In Royal David's City"

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- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Greeting/Call to Worship

Musical Meditation

"Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming", "O Come, Little Children"

Bible Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

Musical Meditation

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "Il Est Ne"

Psalms Reading

Psalms 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. ²Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day. ³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples. ⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens. ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary. ⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power. ⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. ⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth. ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth. You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Musical Meditation

"Angels We Have Heard on High", "Ding Dong Merrily On High"

Bible Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Musical Meditation

"Away In A Manger", "Infant Holy"

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

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 Quirin'ius 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. In 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.

Musical Meditation

"The First Noel"

Message

Pastor Susan Dollinger

Musical Meditation

"What Child Is This"

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host. On this night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Pause for reflection

The shepherds sing, "Jesus Christ is born!" Let your church throughout the world proclaim this good news everywhere. Unite the voices of all your faithful people in songs of praise and rejoicing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth and all its people and creatures of every kind. We pray for healing in all places around the world especially those that have been torn apart through warfare, or strife. Teach us to care for the earth and for each other. Teach us to love and serve our neighbors. Let us consider their needs above our own. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head with your tender care. Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. May feel the comfort of this holy night. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the first responders, medical staff, researchers, and those who have worked tirelessly during this time of trial. We pray for leaders everywhere who have had to enforce policies that do not suit all people, or those who are exhausted and overwhelmed. We pray for teachers and administrators and parents who are all making difficult decisions about this next semester, and ask that you grace all people with wisdom. Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

We pray for new and expectant parents. Pour your balm and comfort those who long for children. Surround families of every shape and size with your care. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment. Bring healing to the broken places through your mercy and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the glory of your eternal light, God forever and ever.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P: May the peace and love of the Lord be yours this night and always. ***And also with you.***

Musical Meditation

"Still, Still, Still"

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,

C: ***that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

Benediction

P: The Creator of the stars bless you this holy night, let the Prince of Peace fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever, in the name of the Holy Christ child. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

"O Holy Night"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace this holy night. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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"Once In Royal David's City" Text: Cecil Francis Alexander;
Music: Henry J. Gauntlett

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Text: German carol; tr. Theodore Baker sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth st.3; John C. Mattes, st. 4; Music: ES IST EIN ROS; Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln;
arr. Michael Praetorius

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Text: French carol, trans. H.F. Hemy;
Music: GLORIA; French carol, arr. Edward S. Barnes

"Away In A Manger" Text: North American;
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER; James R. Murray

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M.G. Reed; Music: Polish carol

"The First Noel" Text: English traditional; Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer

"What Child Is This" Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad

"Still, Still, Still" Austrian lullaby, arr. Rick Graham;
@www.ldshappy music.com

"O Holy Night" Text: John S. Dwight; Music: Adolph Adam;
arr. David Winkler

