

***New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
Lake Zurich, IL***

...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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Processional Hymn: CW 55 “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

**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.
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father.
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
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, All glory in the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences (*Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14*)

Pastor: For to us a child is born,

People: to us a son is given;

Pastor: And His name shall be called

People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Pastor: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

Pastor: "Glory to God in the highest,

People: and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

People: We confess to You that we are sinful by nature and by choice. We have broken the peace of Your good creation and transgressed the boundaries You have established for Your creatures. We can only be brought back to You by the life, death, and resurrection of Your incarnate Son, the God-man, Jesus. For His sake, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness and for the filling of the Holy Spirit that we may follow Jesus all our days.

Pastor: In the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem, the almighty Creator God has become human to bring humanity into a relationship of love with Himself, and for the sake of Jesus forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Solo: "O Holy Night" sung by Christine Massa

Narration

Part One: Know

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 38 vs. 1-5 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

**"From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:**

} Jesus came for each one of us.

**"To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.**

**"This is the Christ, our God most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.**

} Jesus purpose in coming.

**"He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.**

**"These are the signs which you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark. } Signs of our Savior's chosen role.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."**

Narration

Recitation

Sunday School Song: "Good News for Every Home"

Narration

Recitation

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 37:1, 3 "Once Again My Heart Rejoices"

**Once again my heart rejoices
As I hear
Far and near
Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born!" their choirs are singing
Till the air
Ev'rywhere
Now with joy is ringing.**

**Should we still fear God's displeasure,
Who, to save,
Freely gave
His most precious treasure?
To redeem us He has given
His own Son
From the throne
Of His might in heaven.**

Narration

Recitation

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 63 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

(Congregation sings the verses, Children sing the refrain)

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?**

Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain

Part Two: Go

Narration

Recitation

Narration

Recitation

Sunday School Song: “Go and See, Go and Tell”

Part Three: Glow

Narration

Sunday School and Congregational Hymn: CW 60 “Silent Night, Holy Night”
(Sunday School Children Sing verse 1; Congregation sings vs. 2-3)

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.

Part Four: Grow

Narration

Congregational Hymn: CW 38 vs. 14-15 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

**My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle song:**

**Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son has given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

Part Five: Overflow

Narration

Offering

Offertory—“What Child Is This?”—Sarah Lester (flute) and Toby James (guitar)

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CW 62 “Joy to the World” *(The words will also be projected on the screens in the front of church.)*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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.**

**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.**

**No more let sins and sorrows 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.**

**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.**

Announcements

Christmas bags will be handed out to the children following this evening's service. Thanks to Tom and Hope Werking for donating and assembling the bags.

The Christmas Day Communion Service will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM—one hour later than our normal service time.