

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, E.L.C.A.



**255 W. Lincoln Ave.
Hartford, WI 53027**

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

9pm Radio Broadcasting



Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning, and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Christmas Eve)

GREETING

WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know, and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

“He Came Down” - Concordia College Choral

P: **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.**

*** ELW NO 267 “Joy to the World”**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven 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 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.

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.

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Most loving Father, thank you for this night and for all it represents. Thank you for the hope you bestow, the peace you bring, the love you pour out, and the joy you give. We praise you most of all for Jesus, your Word made flesh. May he light our way as the holy star lit the way for the wise men; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING from Isaiah 9: 2-7

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

SECOND READING from Titus 2: 11-14

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

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (1)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

GOSPEL READING from Luke 2: 1-20

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

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (4)

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” - Voctave

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

***HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW* NO. 290 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

Refrain

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. R

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. R

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

R

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Oh Holy night” – Charlotte Church

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this night through the Word made flesh.

Amen

SENDING HYMN *ELW NO. 281* “Silent Night, Holy 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, heavenly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

DISMISSAL

P : Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God!