

Sermon "God Came Near" Pastor Dave Wollan

Song "Angels We Have Heard on High" 71 Green

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*

Offering/Special Music "O Come All You Unfaithful" Austin Willhite

*** Candles are lit before the singing of "Silent Night"*

Song: "Silent Night, Holy Night!" 65 Green

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 your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Faith Lutheran Church

Hutchinson, MN

December 24, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Color: White

Christmas Eve 6 p.m. Service



- Candles are available from the ushers. When lighting a candle, please dip unlit candles towards a lit one. Take extra care with children. We also have a limited number of artificial candles for our youngest children.
- Thank you to Austin Willhite, Kristen Matthews for providing music for this service, and to the many other people who have given of their time and talents for this Christmas worship service.
- **Joy to the World** offering envelopes for end-of-year gifts are available by the offering plates at the entrances.

Gathering Music "O Holy Night"

Welcome and Announcements

Song "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" 45 Green

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;

Refrain: **Oh, come, let us adore Him,**

Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain*

Christmas Litany

P: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,

C: born of a woman, born under the law,

P: in order to redeem those who were under the law,

C: so that we might receive adoption as children.

P: And because you are children,

C: God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

"Abba! Father!"

P: So you are no longer a slave but a child,

C: and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and listen for his word of forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, as we celebrate the birth of your only-begotten Son, we confess how unworthy we are to receive such gracious love from you. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Yet we dare to ask for your

forgiveness, because of the Child of Bethlehem, whose name is Jesus because he came to save his people from their sins. By his saving death and for his sake, forgive us and fill us with your righteousness.

P: In the boundless mercy of Almighty God, Jesus came in human flesh to take the sin of all people on himself and put it to death on the cross. Jesus was born in order to forgive you and make you into a new person. So, come to the manger and leave there all your guilt and shame, for in the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I tell you, you are forgiven.

C: Amen. Glory to God in the highest!

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 60 Green

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14 and Matthew 1:18-25

Faith Seeds: Faith Lutheran Puppets

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

Announcement of the Gospel

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20