

House of Prayer Lutheran Church



*"... my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples." Is. 56:7*

**House of Prayer Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
- Watch and follow the worship video on our website at www.hoplutheran.com.

Offerings may be mailed to the office:

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Contact the Office and Pastor:

Office phones (760-745-3738) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been told to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with the pastor.



Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE “In dulci jubilo”

J.S.Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader One: We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader One: We light this candle with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

(candle is lit)

Reader Two: Come, Hope of unity.

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**Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Peace of the Lord be with you; **And also with you.**

Vs. 1, 2

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Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89

Hal H. Hopson

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Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord ev - er - more.

My song forever shall record
The tender mercies of the of the Lord;
Your faithful ways will I proclaim,
And ev 'ry age shall know your name.
Come, ev'ry voice, sing out your song. **R**

Almighty God, your lofty throne
Has justice for its cornerstone:
And shining bright before your face
Are truth and love and boundless grace.
Come, ev'ry voice, sing out your song. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 188)

*Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-a. Al-le-lu-ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

The holy gospel according to St Luke;
Glory to you, O Lord.

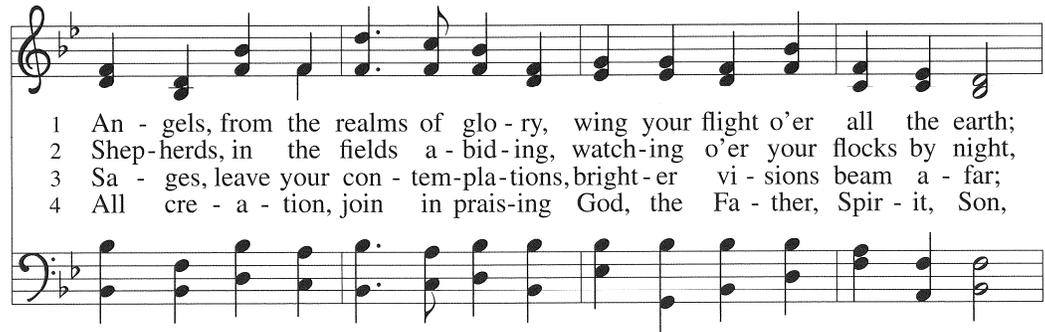
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you, O Christ.

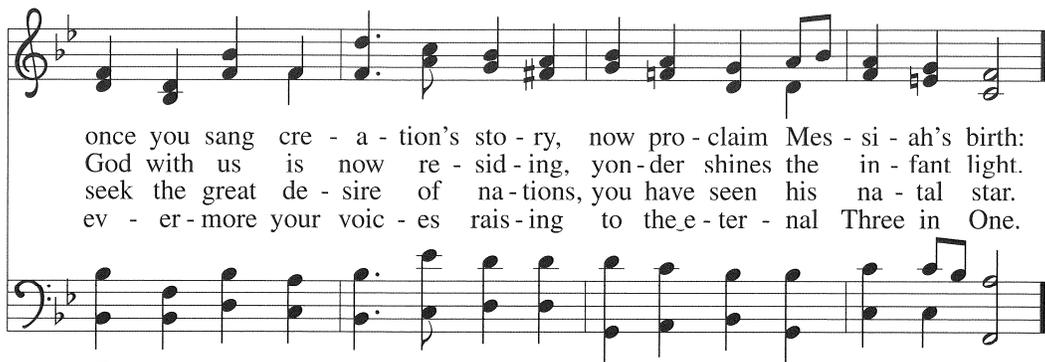
SERMON: Rev. Karin Boye

Vs. 1, 2

275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

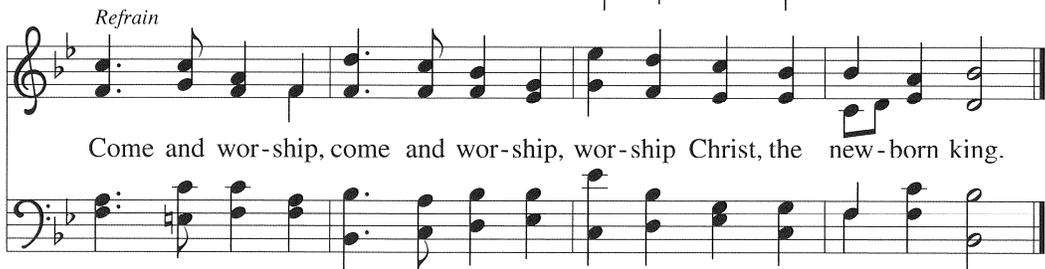


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

APOSTLES' CREED (PAGE 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

....Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 191)

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Response: Amen

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Happy Birthday to:

12/20 Julia Chico
12/22 Corrie Coleman
12/24 Clementina Lopez
12/25 Christi Stinebiser
12/26 Desiree Lopez
David Rice
12/29 Charlie Kahle



Happy Anniversary to:

12/31 Myron & Rosita Hetland 43 years



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If you want your staff to know...

There is a wonderful saying: "Our assumptions and the truth dine at totally separate tables!", meaning that most often our wants and likings determine our expectations and actions - and they are not necessarily connected with reality.

So if you are expecting the office or your pastor to know about something - please, call the office. Messages left on the office's answering machine are checked multiple times during the day! In case of an emergency you may call Pastor Karin directly: (c) 949-705-9966. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mission Statement
As the body of the risen Christ, nurtured by
Word and Sacrament,
House of Prayer Evangelical Lutheran Church
is called to proclaim the creative and redemptive work of God,
in lives of loving service to its fellowship,
to North San Diego County and, in cooperation with others
to the ends of the earth.

