

# *House of Prayer Lutheran Church*



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

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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](http://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.



# **Thursday, December 24, 2020**

## **Christmas Eve**

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Mark Doering, Michael Doering, Henry Doktorski**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION**

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;  
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the  
Christ Candle.

(candle is lit)

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.**

Vs. 1, 4

Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

**A savior is born, indeed!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.....

O God of love,  
you have brought us together tonight  
not in a sanctuary but in a holy in-between space.  
And here you are blessing us with your very self.

Open our eyes to the light of Christ  
which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy,  
engulfed in so much pain and loss;  
a world separated from you.  
Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation.  
Bring us into the wonder of your presence.  
Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives.  
This we pray in your presence.

**Amen.**

283 **Vs. 1, 3** O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

**WORD**

**A READING FROM MICAH AND ISAIAH**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. For the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light was shined. We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. To us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**Mark Doering, Michael Doering, Henry Doktorski**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-7**

The holy gospel according to St Luke;

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph 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. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And 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.

The gospel of the Lord;

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Pageant: “Zoom Nativity”**

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Tabitha and Laila Wiebe - Star

Adam Wiebe – Wise person

Sergio Flores – Joseph

Tony Wiebe – Shepherd

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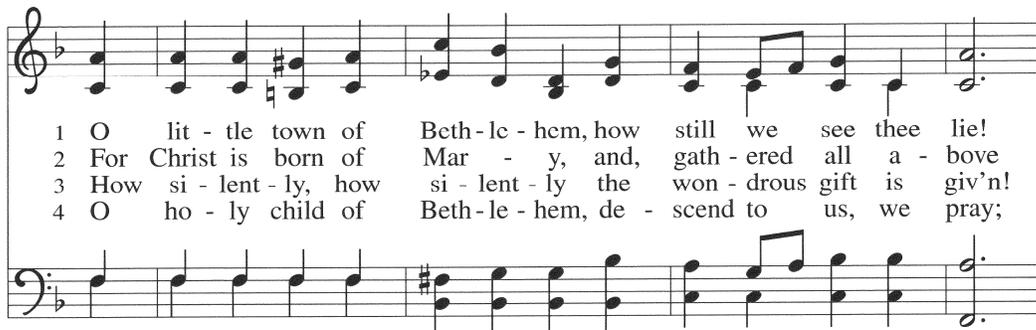
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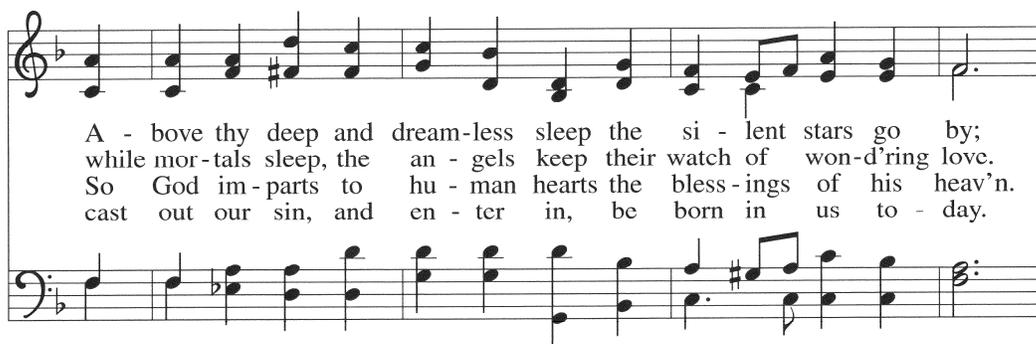
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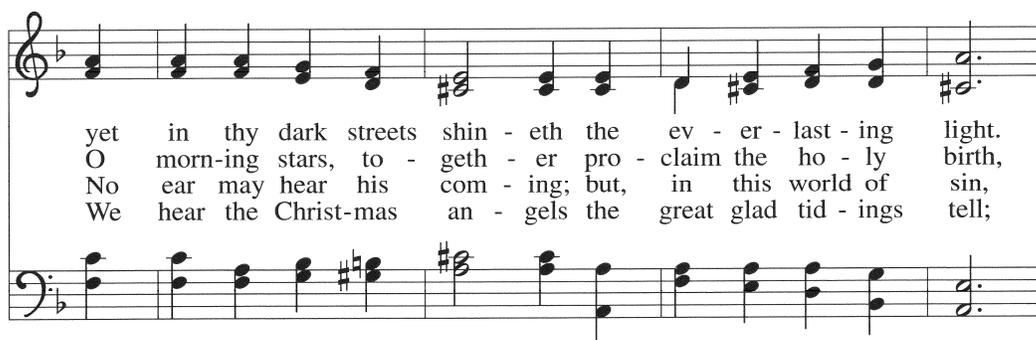
## O Little Town of Bethlehem



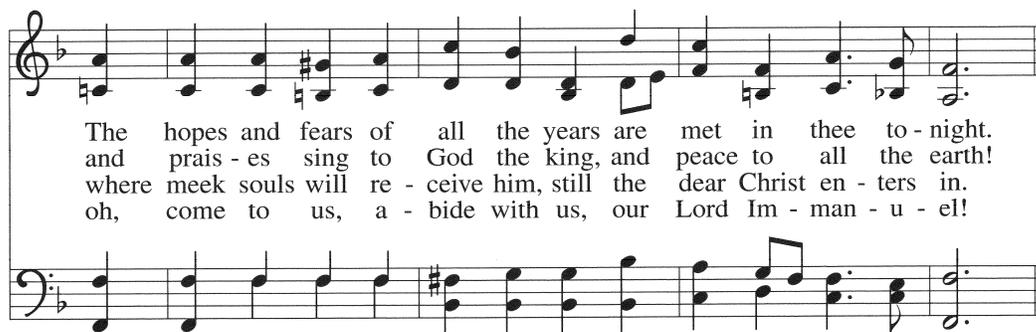
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**SERMON: Rev. Karin Boye**

**“Noel”**

**Carol Gross, Solo**

**Henry Doktorski, Accompanist**

**Tomlin, Cash, Redman**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

....Let us sing to the Lord a new song,  
**On earth peace, good will among people.**

**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.**

**Vs. 1, 3**

CHRISTMAS

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**Silent Night, Holy Night!**

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

## **POSTLUDE**

Thank you to Mark and Michael Doering for sharing their beautiful music with us tonight.



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**Kitty Wiebe, Youth Director**  
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**Becca Gross, Reader**  
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**Mark Worman, Custodian**  
**Clementina Lopez, Custodian**

Our **Sunday, December 27 worship service** will be provided by our Pacifica Synod. We are pleased to share this recording of a complete Service of the Word for the First Sunday of Christmas. This service includes music, readings, prayers, a children's sermon from Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen, and a sermon from Bishop Andy Taylor based on the lectionary texts for the day.

Our thanks to the many people whose hard work made this worship service possible, including pastors, staff and members of Bethlehem Lutheran in Encinitas, Trinity Lutheran in Victorville, and St. Paul Lutheran in Fullerton. We especially thank the synod's Rachel Line for editing all of the pieces of this service together.

**The service will be available on our website  
[www.hoplutheran.com](http://www.hoplutheran.com) on Sunday at 9:00 AM.**



**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.**





