



# The Nativity of Our Lord

Northdale Lutheran Church      Christmas Eve

**All Sing:      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.**

***Refrain:***

***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.    *Refrain***

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.    *Refrain***

## Call To Worship

P: We begin our worship this evening in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Children of the Lord, see the Light!

**C: Jesus Christ is born tonight!**

P: Children of the Lord, come and sing!

**C: Christ is born to be our King!**

P: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above, God's Christmas star is shining bright, Jesus comes to be our Light!

**C: Praise him, all his angels, praise him all his heavenly hosts. God's Christmas star is shining bright, Jesus comes to be our Light!**

P: Let all praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name alone is exalted. God's Christmas star is shining bright, Jesus comes to be our Light!

**C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. God's Christmas star is shining bright, Jesus comes to be our Light!**

**All Sing: Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel**

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**



## **Genesis 3:1-15** *The reason for the Christ Child's birth*

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

### **Choir: Were you there on that Christmas night?**

*1 Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,  
when the world was filled with a holy light?*

*Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?*

*2 Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King,  
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?*

*Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud at his birth?*

*3 Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the  
glory of the sight?*

*Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang, all through the night?*

*4 Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,  
the salvation of the world begun?*

*Did you know it was love that was sent from above to the earth?*

**Micah 5:2-4** *The Savior would be born in Bethlehem*

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.



**Sing: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**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.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sins 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 Immanuel!**

**Luke 1:26-38** *Gabriel announces that Mary will bear a Son*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For nothing is impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

**Peace Came to Earth**

**Peace came to earth at last that chosen night  
when angels clove the sky with song and light  
and God embodied love and sheathed his might—  
Who could but gasp: Immanuel! Who could but sing: Immanuel!**

**And who could be the same for having held  
the infant in their arms and later felt  
the wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—  
Who could but sigh: Immanuel! Who could but shout: Immanuel!**

**How else could I have known you, O my God!  
How else could I have loved you, O my God!  
How else could I embrace you, O my God!  
Who could but pray: Immanuel! Who could but praise: Immanuel!**

**Luke 2:1-7** *The Birth of our Savior*

1In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3And everyone went to their own town to register. 4So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



**What Child Is This?**

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary**

**Luke 2:8-14** *The angels appear to the shepherds out in the fields*

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

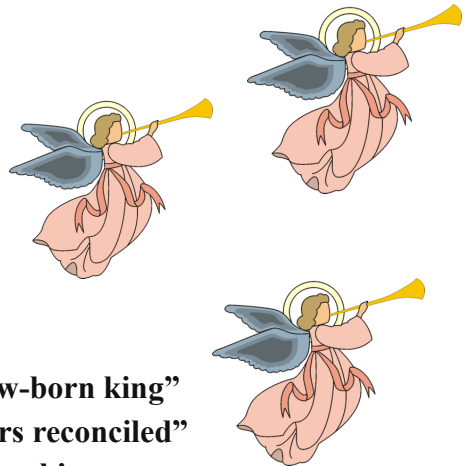
*Alternating Anthems*

**To Shepherds as They Watched by Night  
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

**To Shepherds as they watched by night  
appeared a host of angels bright;  
“Behold the tender babe,” they said,  
“in yonder lowly manger laid**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king”  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled”  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king!”**

**“At Bethlehem in David’s town,  
as Micah did of old make known.  
It is the Christ, your Lord and King,  
who will to all salvation bring.”**



**Christ, by highest heav'n adored:, Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see; hail, th' incarnate Deity:  
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**O then rejoice that through his Son,  
God is with sinners now at one;  
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,  
your brother is the eternal God.**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!, Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"**

**You shall and must at last prevail;  
God's own you are, you cannot fail  
To God forever sing your praise  
with joy and patience all your days.**





**Luke 2:15-20** *The shepherds discover Jesus in a manger*

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



**Soloist: Here With Us**

*It’s still a mystery to me, That the hands of God could be so small  
How tiny fingers reaching in the night, Were the very hands that measured the sky  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Heaven’s love reaching down to save the world  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King, Here with us, You’re here with us*

*It’s still a mystery to me, How His infant eyes have seen the dawn of time  
How His ears have heard an angel’s symphony,  
But still Mary had to rock her Savior to sleep*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, Heaven’s love reaching down to save the world  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King, Here with us,  
You’re here with us You’re here with us*

*Jesus, the Christ, born in Bethlehem, A baby born to save, to save the souls of man  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Heaven’s love reaching down to save the world  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King, Here with us  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Heaven’s love reaching down to save the world  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, son of God, servant King, Here with us,  
You’re here with us You’re here with us*

**Matthew 2:1-12** *The wise men come with gifts to worship the newborn King*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup>“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**Sing: We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O – star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever ceasing never, o’er us all to reign.**

**O – star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.**

**O – star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**



**John 1:1-14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Sing: What Child Is This**

**Why lies he in such mean estate, where oxen now are feeding?**

**Good Christians fear for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.**

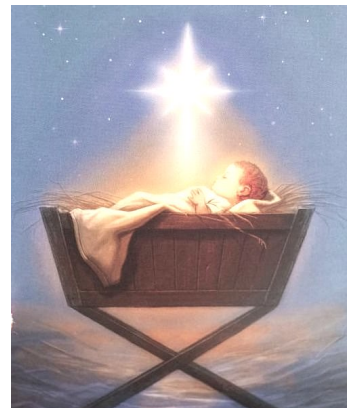
**Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross he'll bear for me for you,**

**Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Offering**

*Our finest gifts we bring to worship our newborn King!*

**Christmas Prayer**



## Candle-Lighting Service

*Sing:        Silent 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 loves pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**



## **Christmas Poinsettia's given in love tonight by:**

The Berg Family in memory of Bob Burger  
The Berg Family in memory of Joseph Idocks  
Jim and Shirley Doerr in memory of Fred and Mary Publitz  
Pastor and Barb Werner in memory of their loving parents  
Tom and Lynda Faucette in memory of Katherine Hart  
The Smayling Family in memory of Hannah Johnson  
The Smayling Family in memory of Michael Berg  
The Mendez Family in memory of Melvin Dryer  
Ona and Tom Scherer in honor of Susan Clark  
The Schebel Family in memory of Christian Forsthoewel  
The Schebel Family in memory of Margo Schebel



## **Thank You For Coming Tonight To Worship With Us!**

**It was a privilege to share the good news of our Savior's birth with you this evening. May the Lord bless your Christ-centered Christmas season!**

**If you do not have a church home,  
we invite you to become a member of our Northdale family.**

**This Christ Child born tonight, came to bring you and your loved ones the forgiveness of God and the hope of life eternal in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Our regular Sunday morning worship continues with services at  
8:30am and 10:30am.**

**On behalf of our Church and Christian Academy,  
thank you once again for celebrating Christmas Eve with us!**

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*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS

A golden silhouette of a nativity scene is integrated into the word "CHRISTMAS". The scene is contained within the outline of the letter 'M'. It depicts the Virgin Mary kneeling on the left, the infant Jesus lying in a manger in the center, and the shepherd Joseph standing on the right with a staff. Above the manger, a bright, multi-pointed star is visible.