



The Nativity of Our Lord

Northdale Lutheran Church Christmas Eve

Hymn #354

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

- 1) 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.

- 2) 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*

- 3) 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!

Hymn #327 Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel

2) 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!

3) 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*

⁶When 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. ⁸Then 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. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

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

¹⁴So 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. ¹⁵And 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."



Hymn #363 Now Sing, We Now Rejoice

1) Now sing we now rejoice, now raise to heaven our voice

He who from joy stream-eth poor in a manger lies

Not so brightly beam-eth the sun in yonder skies.

Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

3) Now through his Son doth shine the Father's grace divine

Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity

Till he opened for us a bright eternity.

May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

4) Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground

Where the angels singing with all his saints unite

Sweet-est praises bringing in heavenly joy and light

Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Micah 5:2-4 *The Savior Would be Born in Bethlehem*

²“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.”

³Therefore 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.

⁴He 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.



Hymn #333 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.**

4) 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*

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

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

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

³⁵The 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. ³⁶Even 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. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God."

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

Hymn #330 Peace Came to Earth

**1) 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!**

**2) 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!**

**4) 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.



Hymn #344 **What Child Is This?**

- 1) 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**
- 3) 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*

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

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

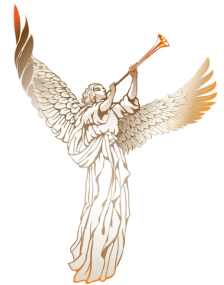
¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Hymn #350 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**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!”**

**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!”**

**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!”**



Luke 2:15-20 *The Shepherds Discover Jesus in a Manger*

¹⁵When 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.”

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



Hymn #335 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

- 1) To shepherds as they watched by night appeared a host of angels bright
“Behold the tender babe,” they said, “In yonder lowly manger bed.**
- 2) 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**
- 3) O then rejoice that through his Son, God is with sinners now at one
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood, your brother is th’eternal God**
- 6) 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**

Matthew 2:1-12 *The Wise Men Come With Gifts to Worship the Newborn King*

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and 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.” ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When 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. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶“ ‘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.’” ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He 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.” ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

All 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,
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*

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

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

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

¹⁴The 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.

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**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!**

2) 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!**

Christmas Offering

Christmas Prayer



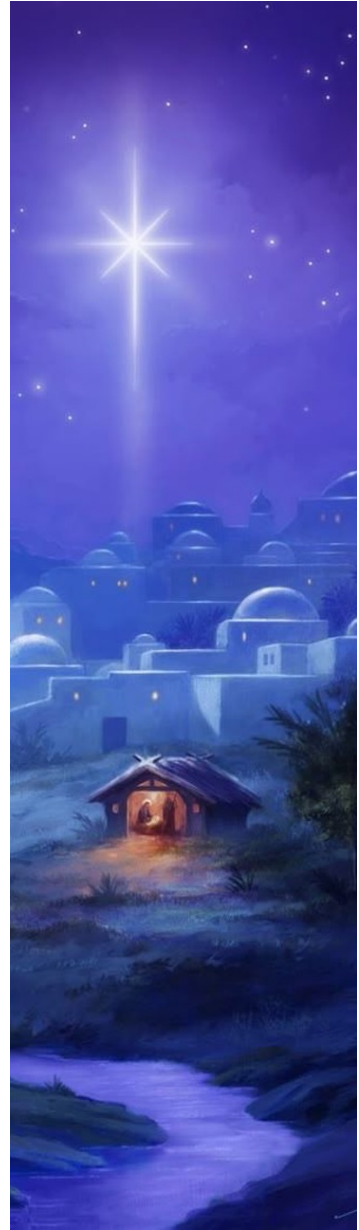
Candle-Lighting Service

Hymn #337 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 Nick Karels

Pastor and Barb Werner in memory of their loving parents

Tom and Lynda Faucette in memory their loving family members

The Mattes Family in memory of Zachary and Levi Mattes

Ona and Tom Scherer in honor of Steven Trapp

The Storm Family in memory of their loving Grandparents

Rogelio and Adrianna Zarazua in memory of Frank Gabriel

The Guse Family in memory of Grandma Elizabeth Guse

The Guse Family in memory of Verna Zeichert

The Schroeder Family in memory of Rev. Lynn Schroeder

The Schroeder Family in memory of Rev. John Lawrenz

Kathy Loftis and Granddaughter Jocelyn in memory of Mom, Dad, and DJ

Harry and Gladys Newton in memory of their loving parents

Thank You For Coming Tonight To Worship!

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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