

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus 1

Glo ria
In excelsis Deo

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Chorus 2

Glo ria
In excelsis Deo
Glo ria
In excelsis Deo

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend you aid
While our hearts in love we raise

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

LESSON: Isaiah 9:2,4,5-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a

multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: *Silent Night*

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Silent night, holy night

Chorus

He came to save us, He came to save us
He came to save us, He came to save us
He came to save us, He came to save us
Jesus, Jesus

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING:

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

(Oh) (So) I say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
On that blessed Christmas morn

Verse 4

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

Verse 5

He made me a watchman
Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all

Tag

Go tell it
Go tell it
Go tell it
Go on and tell it

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DISMISSAL

*L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of
joy and life.*

C Thanks be to God.

