

# Welcome to online worship! english lutheran

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## GATHERING

Prelude | Welcome to Worship

Gathering Music | Sing-A-Long (last pages of bulletin)

#293 That Boy-Child | #288 Good Christian Friends | #278 Away in a Manger

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

**Amen.**

Hymn #296 What Child Is This

## WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche

Lesson | Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";

and he became their savior  
in all their distress.  
It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel | Matthew 2:13-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

Sermon | Pastor Dione Stepanek, Asst. to the Bishop & Dir. of Evangelical Mission

Hymn of the Day #282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (last pages of bulletin)

## Apostles' Creed

**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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

# MEAL



Offering | [englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving](http://englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving)

Or text an amount (5, 10, 15 – **no** decimals or \$ sign) to 855.929.1663



offerings in January will be given to Family & Children's Center to purchase coats and other winter wear. Our Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class chose the organization for this month.

## Offering Prayer

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise and glorify your holy name.

## Words of Institution

*During the Words of Institution, we invite your designated person at home to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## Lord's Prayer

Adagio

D G C/A G/B C G D C D

Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy

G C/A G/B C G D C G Em

king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this

Bm Em Bm G D G Am

day our daily\_ bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give

D G Em D C D G C/A

those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not

G/B C G D C D G

in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the

C/A G/B C G D C G

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.

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## Invitation & Distribution of Communion

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

**This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**


## Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

**Amen.**



The white rose on the altar this weekend is in memory of Cathy Novotney, daughter of Lou Wuensch.

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Benediction/Blessing

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #290 Go Tell It on the Mountain (last pages of bulletin)

### Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## That Boy-Child of Mary

*Refrain*

That boy-child of Mar - y was born in a sta - ble,

a man - ger his cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.

- 1 What shall we call him, child of the man - ger?
- 2 His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us,
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,
- 4 Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er,

*Refrain*

What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?  
 God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem.  
 born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem?  
 makes him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem.

5 One with the Father,  
 he is our Savior,  
 heaven-sent helper  
 in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,  
 love and adore him,  
 give ourselves to him  
 in Bethlehem.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000  
 Music: BLANTYRE, Malawi traditional; adapt. Tom Colvin  
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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.  
 Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

## What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876  
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*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.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain: John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual