

*Welcome to Moe Lutheran
1st Sunday after Christmas*



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Service of Lessons and Carols

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9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHRISTMAS CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Our Emmanuel, God... You are with us!

C: **We have heard the promise of the prophets.**

L: We have been thrilled by the notes of an angel's song.

C: **We have seen a star in the heavens, and believed!**

L: Today, we come to be with You...

C: **Because You have come to be with us!**

L: You, the most humble and most mighty, have come...

C: **Now, may we truly worship our Emmanuel!**

***OPENING HYMN:**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" - ELW 275 (Verses 1, 4)

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

4 All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Almighty God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING:

L: The True Light that enlightens everyone has come into our world! May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

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A Message of LESSONS and CAROLS

“The Bells of Christmas” – ELW 298 (Verses 1, 4)

- 1 The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
with new year gifts of peace, good will.

- 4 Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,
to keep our Christmas with our king,
until our song, from loving souls,
like rushing mighty water rolls!

REFLECTION

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD FOR EACH OF US:

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. (Revelation 3:20)

LET US PRAY...

Lord, we hear you knocking. Come in and make Your home in our hearts. Dwell here with us, so that our hearts may be Your home...Your temple! May your living song rise up within us as we keep this Christmas with You, our loving King. AMEN.

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“Silent Night, Holy Night” - ELW 281 (Verses 1, 3)

- 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.

- 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

REFLECTION

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR EACH OF US...

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

LET US PRAY...

Lord, we invite Your Spirit to come upon us and calm our busy minds. Quiet our hearts as we wait before You. In the silence, let us hear You. In the stillness, let us know You. Open our eyes that we may see Your glory and receive the grace You have extended to us...today. AMEN.

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"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" - ELW 282 (Verses 1, 3)

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

REFLECTION

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD FOR EACH OF US...

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

LET US PRAY...

“Lord, we lay our worries, our hurts, and our sins at Your feet. They are much too heavy and painful for us to bear. We are crushed beneath their weight. Free us...heal us...and forgive us...according to Your grace. Breathe Your life into our lives, Your peace into our hearts. Let us find our rest and life in You! AMEN.

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“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – ELW 288 (Verses 1, 2)

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

REFLECTION

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD FOR EACH OF US...

“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.” (Psalm 9:1-2)

LET US PRAY...

*Heavenly Father, the gift of Your Son has made our hearts GLAD!
This day, no matter what we encounter, let us choose to look to You
and SEE JOY! With all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, may we
rejoice and celebrate Your goodness. You alone are our delight, our
all in all! AMEN.*

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“We Three Kings”

- 1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Continue to Verse 3*

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. *Continue to Verse 4*

- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

REFLECTION

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR EACH OF US...

“Then (Jesus) said to them all, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?’” (Luke 9:23-25)

LET US PRAY...

Lord Jesus, we pledge our hearts, our obedience, and the title deed of our lives to You. We approach You like the WISE MEN, intent on worshipping You with all that we are and all that we hope to become. AMEN.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

***OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” - ELW 271 (1, 2, 5)

- 1 I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth,
and angels sang on earth.

- 2 The little child in Bethlehem,
he was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above
to help a world in need.

- 5 And so I love each Christmas Eve,
and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev'ry day
I know so well is true.

***PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” – ELW 290 (Verses 1, 3)

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL:**

L: Go now, and share the JOY of Christmas!

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**