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*"This will
be a sign
to you..."*



SIGNS OF

Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY 2020

December 25, 2020: *Christmas Day*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson

WELCOME from Sr. Pastor Corey Bjertness

PRELUDE:

Angels We Have Heard on High/The First Noel -- arr. Gary Lanier
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Michael Olson, accompanist

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day -- arr. Gert Walter
Marla Fogderud, Naomi Wawers, Andrea Fogderud, vocalists
Michael Olson, accompanist

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READING: Isaiah 60:1-3

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CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(ELW 283)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(ELW 288)

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!

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly -- Polish Carol
David Ferreira, vocalist
Alex Rydell, violin
Michael Olson, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 96:11-13
Matthew 1:18-25

SPECIAL MUSIC:

O Tannenbaum
Alex Rydell, violinist

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

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CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Christmas Tree

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
Your boughs so green in summertime
Stay bravely green in wintertime
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!*

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.
Each year you bring to us delight
With brightly shining Christmas light!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.*

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.
Your bright green leaves with festive cheer,
Give hope and strength throughout the year.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.*

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HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: *(spoken by the congregation)*

**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.**

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DISTRIBUTION CAROL *The First Noel*

(ELW 300)

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Immanuel, God is with us! May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem and lives today in your heart, strengthen you, and keep you, and unite us all together in the gift of his holy light.

C: Amen.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

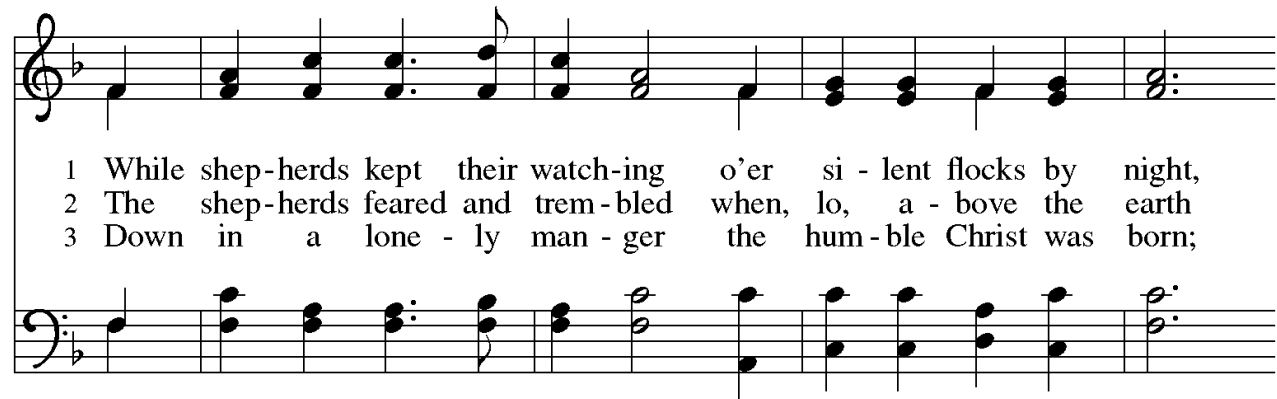
(ELW 290)



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.

POSTLUDE:

Christmas Joy Medley – arr. Gary Lanier
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Michael Olson, accompanist



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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS EVE: Thursday, December 24

ONLINE | flcfargo.org and Facebook
Traditional and Contemporary, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:35 p.m.

TELEVISION | The CW
(Midcontinent 16 and 616; Sparklight 38 and 1038)

Traditional Worship, 12 p.m.
Contemporary Worship, 3 p.m.

TELEVISION | KVLV-11
Traditional Worship, 10:35 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, December 25

ONLINE | flcfargo.org and Facebook
Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.

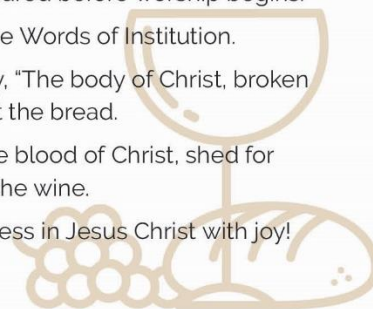
TELEVISION | KVLV-11
Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Christians—no matter where they are—are joined together by the promises Communion holds: forgiveness, new life, and salvation. Therefore, we are offering the opportunity to partake in Holy Communion from your home during Christmas worship.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Have all elements prepared before worship begins.
2. The pastor will share the Words of Institution.
3. The pastor will then say, "The body of Christ, broken for you;" at this time eat the bread.
4. The pastor will say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you;" at this time drink the wine.
5. Receive God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ with joy!



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