



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

4th Sunday of Advent *Christmas Program/Service of the Word*

December 18, 2022

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with **bold text***)

L: Even though we walk in the darkest valley, **ALL: We will not be afraid.**

L: God is present with us. **ALL: God's staff is our comfort.** ¹

* ADVENT WREATH READING/LIGHTING

READER: (*light candle 1*) With the prophet Habakkuk, we light this first candle as a beacon of hope for those who wait.

ALL: (*light candle 2*) With Esther, we light this second candle as the fire of courage that we might bear witness to your justice.

READER: (*light candle 3*) With the prophet Isaiah, we light this third candle as a light to the nations, a promise of redemption for the whole human family.

ALL: (*light candle 4*) Now with Joseph, we light this fourth candle as a declaration of trust that your promise is sure, O God, and that your son's birth among us is imminent.¹

CHILDREN ENTER *Jesus Loves the Little Children* (sung through 2 times)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, All are precious in His sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: *Jesus, Me, and My Christmas Tree* book written by Crystal Browman
Congregation will sing (found in green hymnal)

#60 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* pg.4

#70 *Go Tell It On the Mountain* pg. 5 (1st verse kids sing, then congregation joins in)

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

^{1:18} This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. But before they started to live together, it became clear that she was going to have a baby. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, ²³ "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." ([Isaiah 7:14](#)) The name Emmanuel means "God with us." ²⁴ Joseph woke up. He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him to do. He took Mary home as his wife. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

BRIEF MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

GIVING


*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – as a 'bill pay' on your bank/credit union account – OR – go to <https://www.sothem.org/give> to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control the amount and timing of your giving.*

* OFFERING PRAYER Loving God, **you guide and protect us, showering us with generosity. Accept now the gifts we offer in gratitude to you, for the sake of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**¹

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: We call on our God **All: O come, o come Immanuel.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of God the Father,  the Holy Spirit, and the Son, for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* Green Hymnal #34 SENDING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* CLOSING LITANY

Our waiting is almost at an end, O God. **Jesus Christ, our Savior draws near.**

His birth is foretold, **His mother carries him in her womb,**

While his earthly father walks in fear. **Fear for his reputation, for Mary's life.**

In compassion you send a messenger, **To give him the truth.**

The child is a gift from God to all the world, **And God is with Joseph and Mary in their struggle.**

Joseph's fear turns to joy, **The anticipation of a son!**

Our waiting is almost at an end, O God. **Jesus Christ, our savior draws near.**¹

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christmas is almost here. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	9:30am	- Women's Lefse/Bake Sale upstairs
	10:00am	- Christmas Program/Worship
	11:00am	- Women's Lefse/Bake Sale upstairs
MONDAY	6:30pm	- Church Council
	7pm	- AA Meeting

TUESDAY 4-6pm - Food Pantry
 6pm - Finance
 WEDNESDAY 12-6pm - Blood Drive (NO Confirmation Class)
 FRIDAY: 10am-Noon - Food Pantry
 SATURDAY: 4pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
 SUNDAY: 10:00am - Christmas Day Carol Sing

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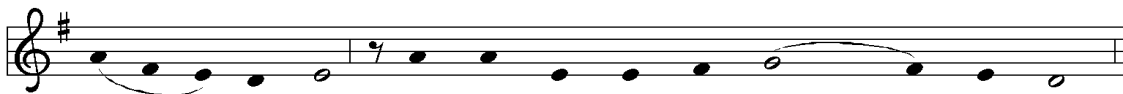
INTENT AND VOLUNTEER FORMS DUE BY Dec. 18th...but you can drop off/send in after that time too. (We got them out a bit late this month...glad this is a place of grace)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children sing verse 1 by themselves, then everyone joins in for rest of song.

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;



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

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2022 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Jesus, Me, and My Christmas Tree book written by Crystal Browman

CAST MEMBERS

Joseph Emmitt Bourget
Mary Harmony Carothers
Gabriel Brandy Carothers
3 Wisemen Bently Klumby
Jace Holcomb
Angels Brecken Plemon
Lilly Holcomb
Elsie Bourget
Lila Edin
Emma Carothers
Sheep Ryder Schoch
Ryder Russo
Emma Edin
Violet Edin
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Deklan Peterson
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Donkey Nevaeh Rasmussen
Pig Maci Hanson
Cow Ruby Holcomb

TEACHERS

Jaime Folczyk (SS Coordinator)
Holly Sweeney (SS Coordinator)
Brad Zillmer
Kris Jenson (Program Director)
Ashley Edin
Bobbi Carothers
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COSTUMES

Claudeen Oebser

MUSICIAN

Michelle Young

ADULT CHOIR

Ralph and Sue Suechting
Keith and Rita Lee
John Ausman
Sarah Larson
Barb Vadnais
Pastor Mary Eide

Special Thanks to Terry Stamm, for all the help he provided!



Each Sunday School family will receive a copy of the book as a memento of the faith milestone of being in their church Christmas Program.

We have a few additional copies of the book which will be on sale for \$5 after worship. 100% of these proceeds will go to the Women's group, who have lovingly supported our children by ensuring everyone received a *Beginner Bible* at the their baptism or beginning Sunday School.