

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



CHRISTMAS EVE 2025

5:00 PM

Worship in-person and livestream

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THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST JESUS
Worship with Carols and Candlelight
5:00 PM

The angel says, "Do not be afraid." These words of reassurance are for us, in times of uncertainty.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and acknowledgement of lands
Procession of Light *I wonder as I wander* - arr. B. Britten solo
Proclamation **Isaiah 9:6-7**
Gathering Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful* vs. 1-3, red book **No. 283**
Greeting The grace of 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

WORD

*Children are invited to set up the Christmas scene at the church,
and everyone is invited to do so at home as well.*

Gospel Acclamation
Angels We Have Heard on High vs. 1, 3, red book **No. 289**
Gospel Reading - part 1 **Luke 2:1-4**
O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1, 3, red book **No. 279**
Gospel Reading - part 2 **Luke 2:5-7**
Away in a Manger red book **No. 277**
Gospel Reading - part 3 **Luke 2:8-12**
What Child Is This vs. 1, 2, red book **No. 296**
Gospel Reading - part 4 **Luke 2:13-14**
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing vs. 1, 3, red book **No. 270**
Gospel Reading - part 5 **Luke 2:15-20**

The Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

A Christmas Proclamation

Hymn of the Day *Night Long-Awaited* blue book **No. 912**

The Prayers *As we pray, "In peace and joy we pray;"
you are invited to respond: **Glory to you, O God.***

Peace The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

SENDING

Offering Song *Love came down at Christmas* - H. Hopson - Choir
*As we light candles at the church, those online may do so as well for
the singing of Silent Night.*

Song ***Silent Night*** red book **No. 281**

Prayer for this Night

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Blessing

Sending Song *Joy to the World* red book **No. 267**

Dismissal Christ the Saviour is born!
Go in peace. Share this good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Marta Lefsrud
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Readers	Al Frisk, Vicki Zilene, Skylar Smith, Michelle Couture, Pierce Nettling
Livestream	Braeden McKenzie
Ushers	Don Storch, Michael Storch

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship with Carols:

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 at 11 AM (no livestream)

*The First Sunday of Christmas, **December 28**, 10 AM PT (livestream)*

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Blessed Christmas! And peace on earth and goodwill to all.