

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823
(916)421-5039
office@slelca.org



Visit our website at
www.slelca.org

Pastor Rob Williamson
pastorrob@slelca.org

Jane Fanucci, Choir Director/Organist
jef100bicen@yahoo.com



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2025 -7:00 PM

PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

Christmas Proclamation

P: The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we saw the glory of Christ.

P: To us a child is born,

C: to us a son is given.

P: For this reason we join our voices with those of the
angels, saying:

C: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

You are invited to stand as able.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #283 vs. 1-3

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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,

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!

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:

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!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Please sit.

Peggy
Moser &
Family

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL ELW 279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 3)

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

PSALM 96

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it
cannot be moved will judge the peoples with
equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field
be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge
the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

CAROL ELW# 270 "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!"

READING

Titus 2:11-14

CHOIR

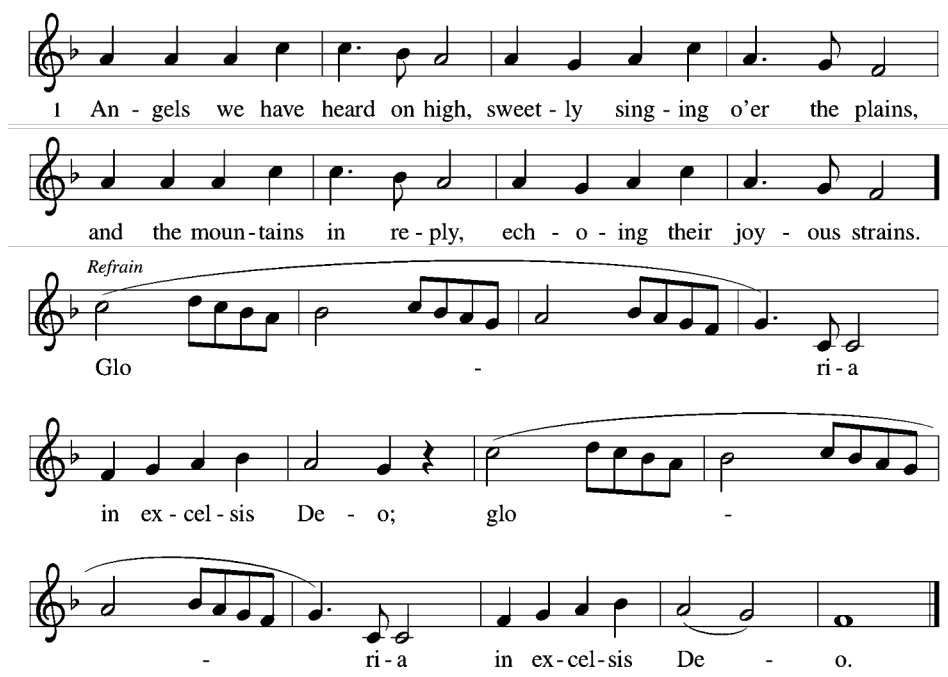
"Still the Holiest Night"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 289 "Angels We Have Heard On High" vs. 1



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

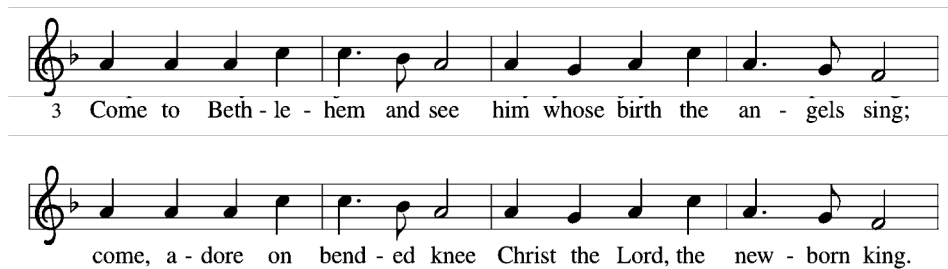
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

GOSPEL RESPONSE

ELW #289 "Angels We Have Heard On High" vs. 3



3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

CAROL ELW 288# "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!

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 THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSIC

Jacob Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving
grace, through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

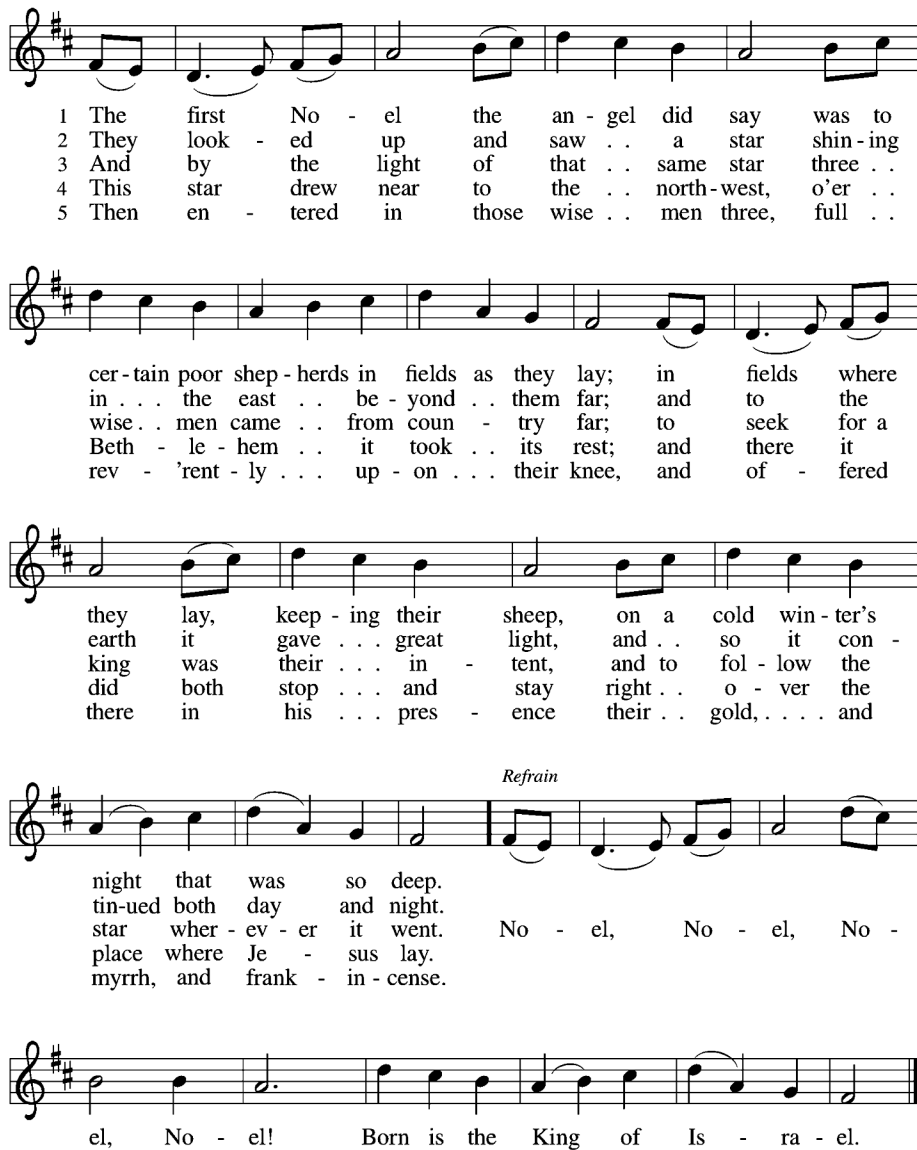
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

Lit candles will be brought down the center aisle. Please do not tilt lit candles; instead, tilt the unlit candles toward the flame.

CAROL ELW #300 "The First Noel" vs. 1-2



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.

GOSPEL OF LIGHT

John 1:1-18

CAROL

ELW #281 "Silent Night"



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,
Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your
Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

Candles may now be extinguished.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #267 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

-Altar Care-

Marlene Kiser

-Readers-

Karen Linfor & Kelly Boyer

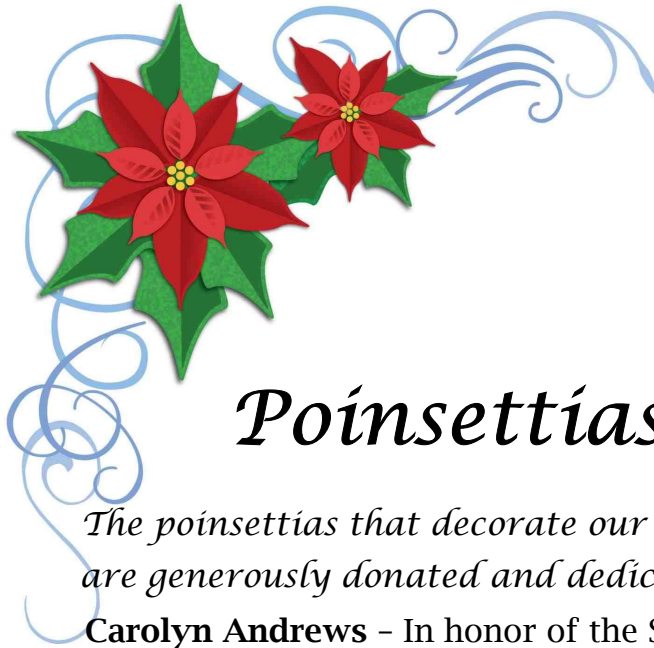
-Prayer Leader-

Karen Linfor



You are invited to join us
in Schultz Hall for our
Epiphany Breakfast on
January 6th at 9:30am.

Pastor Rob will share the importance of celebrating Epiphany. The Evangelism Board will provide breakfast casseroles, coffee and juice. Those attending are encouraged to bring fruit, muffins, coffee cake or breakfast breads to share as well as nativity sets to display on the tables. Please sign up on the opportunity table in the narthex so that we will know how many plan to attend.



Poinsettias

*The poinsettias that decorate our sanctuary
are generously donated and dedicated by:*

Carolyn Andrews - In honor of the Season.

Carol Carney - In memory of dear husband
Jerry Carney

Kirsten & Mark Encinas - In memory of
Rachel Encinas

Tom and Faith Harper - The gift of Jesus and
his healing touch.

Dorothy Haney - In memory of my mom,
Elsie Haney.

Irma Lowe - In memory of loved ones

Shirley Prouty - In memory of husband
Robert Prouty

&
Parents Jack & Emma Tate

Brenda Sulzmann - In memory of my mom,
Carole Johnson

Faith Thomas - In memory of my parents
Al & Ellie Ernst

Christiana Wilson - In honor of
Joyce Henson, my adopted
American mother.

**The poinsettias that decorate
our sanctuary can be taken
home following this evenings
Christmas Eve Service.*

