

**No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nation's prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

P: Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Mark Jolivette for coming to Wilton and leading worship this evening. We wish he and his family a Blessed Christmas. Pastor Jolivette will be leaving for Arizona after the holidays. We wish him a safe journey, and the opportunity to rest and relax, before returning north to return to active duty on the Pastoral Supply list!

Thank you to the children for presenting the Christmas program this evening. Thank you as well to Justin Arndt, Kirstin Arndt, Barb Ornes, Katie Gruen and Ayawyn Conner for helping the children during practices, dress rehearsal, and this evening.

There has been a delay in the production of the 2023 offering envelopes. We have been assured by the folks at McDaniel Envelope Company, the envelopes should be here before our first 2023 service on January 8.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2022  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

(\*Please stand as you are able.)

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**P:** As we celebrate the birth of Jesus  
And rejoice in His coming to us,  
We light the Christ candle.

**C: Jesus Christ is our hope.  
He is our peace.**

**P:** Jesus Christ is our hope.

**C: He is love -  
Pure, holy, undying love.**

**P:** Whoever believes in Him will never perish  
But have eternal life.

**C: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**

**HYMN:** (Sung to Infant Holy, Infant, Lowly)

Candles glowing, promise showing, Jesus born a baby small.  
Hosts rejoicing, shepherds voicing—praising Christ the Lord of all.  
God is with us, shout hosanna, raise a chorus, singing ever.  
Praising Christ the Lord of all! Praising Christ the Lord of all!

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Reverend Mark Jolivette

**Children's Program**

**CELEBRATING GOD'S FAMILY**

**Welcome**

Miranda Arndt

**\*Processional Hymn**

**" O Come, All Ye Faithful "**

O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O, come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, Born the king of angels:

**"Silent Night "**

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

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.

**BLESSING**

**P:** The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light  
shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the  
darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia.

**C: Amen.**

Please turn the candles to the "off" position.

**"Joy To The World "**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### \*RESPONSIVE READING

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

C: We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

P: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

C: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P: Christ is born; salvation has appeared.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

Please turn your candles to the “on” position.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P: God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, has shined into our hearts.

C: To give us the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### A CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### Refrain:

O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God .... in the highest: Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be .. glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain  
The Family of God

Miranda Arndt, Ava Gruen  
Children's Song

“God Loves Me Dearly”

### The First Family

Linus Arndt, Alaina Holthaus  
Children's Song

“Allelu!”

### Families Long Ago

Ben Gruen, Miranda Arndt

Congregational Hymn                    “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be Yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

## The First Christmas Family

Miranda Arndt, Jayda Leis

Congregational Hymn

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

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.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds

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!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,

<sup>10</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup>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.

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

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

### The holy gospel according to Luke 2:1-14

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

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

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;**  
**proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

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

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

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;**  
**power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

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

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

### Shepherds Come and See

Miranda Arndt, Ava Gruen  
Children's Song

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

### Congregational Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

**Families Today**  
Carlee Niedfeldt, Daphne Arndt

**Action Poem for Little Ones**

Brek Anderson, Riley Brueggen, Nolan Buchholz, Logan Buchholz,  
Camden Niedfeldt, Josie Ornes, Lena` Ornes.

**Congregation  
& Children Song: "What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?"**

**Children: What did you say was the Baby's Name?**

**Congregation: His Name is Je-sus**

**Repeat above two times**

**All: King Jesus is that pre-cious Baby's name!**

**Children: Who was the Baby born in Bethlehem?**

**Congregation: His name is Je-sus**

**Repeat above two times**

**King Jesus is that pre-cious baby's name!**

**Children: Who did they find ly-ing 'neath the star?**

**Congregation: His Name is Je-sus**

**Repeat above two times**

**King Jesus was that pre-cious Baby's Name**

**A Reunion of Believers**

Mia Anderson, Braxton Holthaus

Children's Song

"Away In A Manger"  
"Emmanuel Medley"

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

**Reverend Mark Jolivette**

**NOW REJOICE!**

**A carol setting for Holy Communion**

Please follow and join in the service using the bulletin card insert..

As you come forward for communion, please place your  
gifts in the offering plate.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.