

Messiah Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve, 2020
5 p.m.



O Come, Emmanuel. Amen.
**A Christmas Celebration for Children
and their Families**

December 24, 2020
5 p.m.

Prelude: "Carol Medley," Robert Hughes

Song: "Away in a Manger," #277



1 A - sus in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

WORDS OF WELCOME

P Joy to the world!

C **Joy, joy joy!**

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C **Joy, joy joy! Joy for the Lord is come!**

P Let every heart prepare him room.

C **Let heaven and nature sing!**

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 C **Let heaven and nature sing! Joy to the world!**

Prayers for Christmas Eve

Special Reading of “Humphrey’s First Christmas”

written and illustrated by Carol Heyer

Song of the Day: “Once in Royal David’s City,” #269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid’s cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tie shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav’n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God’s right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Scripture Lessons & Christmas Prayers

Offering: “What Child Is This?” Jerry Ray

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today your 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.

Sending Song: “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” #290

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.

Refrain

Postlude: “On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing,”
Jeffrey Blersch

Serving Today

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger
Assisting Minister – Nancy Richter
Singers – Nigel Copeland, Anthony Reed
Organist – Connie Triplett
Deacon – Cathie Janke