BAY VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Welcome home!

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas
10:30 AM
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAISE SONGS

O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW 283)

1 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:

Refrain
Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.

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

2 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

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

4 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

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)

Refrain
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom,

O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.
Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
+ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.
Amen.

RESPONSE: *Open Our Eyes*

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

A reading from 1 Samuel.

18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen
ephod. 19 His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it
to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the
yearly sacrifice. 20 Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and
say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the
gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to
their home.
26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in
favor with the LORD and with the people.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148 (*read responsively)*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
2 **Praise the LORD, all you angels;**
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
3 Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
4 **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,**
and you waters above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
6 **who made them stand fast forever and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not pass away.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
8 **fire and hail, snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
9 mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
10 **wild beasts and all cattle,**
creeping things and flying birds;
11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the world;
12 **young men and maidens,**
old and young together.
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,**
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

41 Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended

and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. [44]Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. [45]When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. [46]After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47]And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. [48]When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." [49]He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" [50]But they did not understand what he said to them. [51]Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

[52]And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

MUSIC FOR PRAYERS: *Hear My Prayer*

Chorus
Hear my prayer O Lord
From the ends of the earth I cry
Your peace will lead me
To the Rock that is higher than I

Verse
For You have been my strength
In times of trouble
A tower above my enemies
And Lord I will abide with You
Forever in the shelter of Your wings

Ending
The Rock that is higher than I

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THE PRAYERS

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remembering in our prayers: **Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl**

(Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Andrew** (Snyder), **Lois** (Krueger), **Elena** (Rouer), **Chuck** (Dull), **Dan** (Knutson), **Don** (Greathouse), **Steve** (Kase).

We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Terry** (Wiesner), **Bailey** (Zak), **Alan** (Wittenberg), **Carrie Ann** (DeClark), **Kathy** (Hartl), **Renee** (Williamson), **Daniel** (Allen), **Blake** (Cihlar), **Lee** (Mosgaller), **Carol & Bob** (Olson), **Donna & Jim** (VanRamshorst), **Beth & Paul** (Jacobson).

OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: *Lord Reign in Me*

Verse 1
Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus
Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2
Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Noel*

Verse 1
Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Chorus
Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel

Verse 2
Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING 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 the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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