



Zion Lutheran Church

210 North Wayne Street

Saint Marys, OH 45885

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.

Prelude

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In arr. David Clark Isele

Now Is Born The Divine Christ Child

French Carol arr. by Keith Christopher

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

traditional spiritual arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Wintertime Pastorale

The Huron Carol arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Little Town of Bethlehem (Veni Emmanuel)

arr. Robert Lau

The First Noel

arr. David Cherwien

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. Diane Bish

The Sussex Carol

arr. Robert Lau

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the

virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Processional Hymn & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Insert

Christmas Litany *(Remain Standing)*

P: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

C: and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

P: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,

C: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding

P: the Spirit of counsel and might,

C: the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

P: And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

C: In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time

P: to recover the remnant that remains of his people...

Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...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.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

Psalm 110:1-4

¹The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

²**The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of
Zion, saying,
"Rule over your enemies round about you.**

³Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth;
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew
from the womb of the morning."

⁴**The Lord has sworn and he will not recant:
"You are a priest forever after the order of
Melchizedek."**

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and
whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because
God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest
among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that
we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have
loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the
propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is
perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and
he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we
have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be
the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is
the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we
have come to know and to believe the love that God has for

us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Hymn *"From Heaven Above" (1-3)*

Insert

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Sermon

Pastor Bill

Hymn *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Insert



Confession

(Please Stand)

P: Behold, the miracle born in human flesh, let us approach the God of grace to confess our human sin and weakness (*stand or kneel*):

C: we confess: that we have wandered away from your presence into darkness, sought other gods, treated others poorly, stood by in apathy, failed to stand for justice, and refused to extend mercy and grace to others. Forgive us our sins O Lord. Increase our faith in you and redirect us to loving you and loving our neighbors in thought, word and deed.

P: Behold! You are not to remain in darkness. Out of mercy for us and for the world, Jesus - the light of the world - is born of flesh and blood to bear all of our sins on the cross so that we might have forgiveness, wholeness and life now and forever. Rejoice, in the name of Jesus your sins are forgiven.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Special Music

4:00 *Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Flutist: Emily Poe

7:00 & 11:00 *The Bells of Christmas*

Soloist Bob Hinschlager

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us...

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.

Words of Institution

(sit)

The Whole Meal

Body of Christ given for you.

Blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymns

"It Came upon a Midnight Clear" Insert

"Away in a Manger" Insert

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Insert

"The First Noel" Insert

Post Communion Blessing (stand)

Glowsticks

After the post communion blessing, we will turn to the hymn Silent Night. After Pastor Bill breaks his glowstick, the congregation will break theirs. We will sing the hymn and hold our glowsticks up. This reminds us that the Light of Christ has overcome the darkness of the world.

Hymn *"Silent Night, Holy Night!"* Insert

Moment of Silence

Blessing

P: May the light of the world illumine your path and your life forever. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Recessional Hymn *"Joy to the World"* Insert

Sending

P: Go in peace!

C: The savior is born!

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
arr. Robert Thygerson



Four of the Poinsettias are given by Thelma Kellermeyer, Bill Kellermeyer, Matt, Jen, and Amelia Staugler, John, Beth, Lexi, Nora, and Emmy Quellhorst.

They are given:

- To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of William D. Kellermeyer, Sr.
- To the Glory of God in Memory of Jack M. Rouhier
- To the Glory of God in Memory of Terry D. Finke
- To the Glory of God in Honor of and In Memory of Family and Friends

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