

# Jesus - in Flesh

## John 1:14

### *Christmas Poinsettias Given By*

Betty and Tom Lueders in honor of their grandchildren Mary, Drew and Gabe Dunsmore,  
and Jackson and Carson Lueders

The Conners Family in memory of Adelaide and George Carlson, Benton and Phylliss Howell,  
Phylliss and Mikey Brickley, Bill Brokaw, John Conners, and Joe Evans

John and Melissa Robertson in honor of our dear family and friends, near and far!

Pete and Amanda Forsberg in memory of their family in heaven

Pastor Tom and Jeanne Grevlos in memory of Dr. Peter Steinke

Linda Roesle in memory of La Verne and Arthur Kalbow

The Wegner Family in honor of the people of God at Shepherd of the Hills

Don and Sandy Gaskin in memory of their parents

Cisco and Dabney Gomes in honor of their sons, Walt and Ansel

Sara and Bill Dawson in memory of Janet and Lee Dawson, and Patricia Reed

Ronny and Janice Pinckard in memory of Royce Berger

John and Cathy Thompson in memory of Jay Johnson

Audrey and Dan Lunecki in memory of John Perkunas and in honor of Bowen Brunner

## Christmas Blessings!



from the Staff of ShepHills



2:00 + 4:00 + 9:00 PM | December 24, 2020  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
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# The Christmas Story

## Gathering Music

**Special Music** 2:00 p.m.

**Michaela and Kisty Connors**

4:00 p.m.

**Josh Norem**

9:00 p.m.

**Morgan Paulson**

## Scripture Reading...Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

## Processional Carol #283 vs 1, 3, & 4 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:

### Refrain

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

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



# Christmas Greeting



## Jesus - In Flesh!

Blessings to you and your families in these holy days of celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world... **Jesus—in Flesh!**

While you may participate in this year's Christmas Eve or Christmas Day virtually, there is really no such thing as a "virtual Christmas". Why? Because we hear the poetic brilliance of John's Gospel; "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). We should never grow tired in hearing this Real Good News! It is God's Promise that sustains us and gives us hope even as we are physically separated from one another.

The Pastors and Staff at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church want to thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas, 2020. Please know that you are always welcome at Shepherd of the Hills because God's Love that we see in the manger, makes no distinction! We invite you to participate in the mysterious presence of Christ that comes to us in bread and wine, because the Love we see in the manger welcomes all to the Table! We encourage you to consider giving a special Christmas offering to help support the young girls at the residential New Life Center in Canyon Lake and help transition our young adults who are aging out of the foster system through a ministry called BeReal, because God's Love is most evident through our generosity on behalf of others.

May the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of **Jesus—in Flesh** touch your heart and impact your life this Christmas and in the New Year, 2021.

*Pastor Lauren*

*P. Tom*

## Christmas Candle Lighting #1 & 2 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

(Please lift your light)

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.

(Turn out light)



## Christmas Sending

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Pastor: May the gift of the Christ-child be born in us! Let us go out and sing with the Angels, share the Good News with the Shepherds, and worship with the Wise Men the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God—And we will!**

### Sending Music

### *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

## Christmas Welcome

## Christmas Story of the Nativity

### Special Music #289 vs 1 & 3 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.



## Christmas Good News

### Christmas Message 2:00 + 4:00 PM

9:00 PM

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Pr. Tom Grevlos

### Special Music #267 vs 1 & 4 *Joy to the World*

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.

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.





Christmas Prayers

Pastor: Holy God, the shepherds sing, "Jesus Christ is born!" Let your church throughout the world proclaim this good news, over the hills and everywhere. Unite the voices of all your faithful people in songs of praise and rejoicing. We pray especially for our mission partners in Guatemala, Haiti, and here in Austin as we live out the Gospel together in celebration of Christ's birth. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, heaven and nature sing, "Joy to the world!" Come near to us in the beauty of your creation. May we be faithful stewards of the world you have made and redeemed. As the angels sing, "Peace on earth," come quickly to still the strife of this world. Hush the noise of war and violence in places of unrest. Inspire leaders of nations to seek lasting peace and sustainable provision for all in their care. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Healing God, Mary sings melodies of comfort to her newborn child. Bring rest and reassurance to those facing struggles this night. Shelter the lonely and those without homes. Console those who lie awake due to pain or anxiety. Heal those who are sick or hurting (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Loving God, your love sings through the sound of a new baby's cry. Bless new parents and expectant parents. Comfort those who long for children, especially those running out of hope or options. Surround families of every shape and size with your love and care. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The heavenly chorus sings, "Glory to God in the highest!" We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who have proclaimed your glory in word and deed (especially). Let us join them this night in joyful praise around your eternal throne. Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)



Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Eve envelope offering will go to support our ministry partner Upbring, specifically the care of children. Upbring is a changemaking organization whose mission is to create a world where all children are cherished. 100% of your generosity will go to New Life Center in Canyon Lake and BeReal Program in Austin/San Marcos. To learn more go to [Upbring.org](http://Upbring.org)

Thank you for creating a neighborhood for these children through your special offering!



Special Music

What Child Is This? Peter Eide

Prayer of Thanks



Words of Institution

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;  
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.

Communion

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present - in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/cracker -  
"The Body of Christ given for you."  
Wine/juice -  
"The Blood of Christ shed for you."*

Communion Music	2:00 p.m.	Kevin McClure
	4:00 p.m.	Josh Norem
	9:00 p.m.	Morgan Paulson

Communion Blessing/Benediction

Christmas Proclamation...John 1:1-5, 14 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.