



December 24, 2022

6PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC String Ensemble

Heaven and Nature Sing Arr Matthew Naughtin

SCRIPTURE READING...ISAIAH 52:7-10 (NRSV)

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

SONG #283 vs 1-4 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

WELCOME

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

BASED ON LUKE 2:1-7

SONG OF RESPONSE #279 vv 1 & 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

BASED ON LUKE 2:8-14

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir *Sussex Carol* Arr. David Willcocks

BASED ON LUKE 2:15-20

CAROL RESPONSE #289 vv 1 & 3 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos *What Child Is This?*

MESSAGE SONG #296 v 1(Solo), v 2 (All) *What Child Is This?*

CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Nathan Nettleton

We believe in God,
the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who mothers us and fathers us,
protecting, nurturing,
and cherishing us.

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We believe in Jesus Christ:
God "with us" born among us as a fragile baby,

embodying love, calling us to rest in God
as a trusting tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breathed into us at our birth,
always encouraging, comforting,
and inspiring our growth.

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We believe that the birth of a child
is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come,
a call to live in peace and with hope
and celebrate living together.

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!
Amen.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to support our ministry partner Upbring, specifically the care of children. Upbring is a changemaking organization with Lutheran roots 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](https://upbring.org)

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

- To make a gift online, use this link:
<https://bit.ly/ChristmasEveGiving>
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- Drop offering envelope in box located by main door.



OFFERING MUSIC

Bell Choir *Carol of the Bells* Cathy Mokolbust

OFFERING RESPONSE #296 v 3 *What Child Is This*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen
presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Choir ***Christmas Sanctus*** Susan and Lee Dengler

Bell Choir ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*** Barbara Kinyon

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT...JOHN 1:3b-5

What has come 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.

(Lighting of the candles)

(Please lift your light)

SONG #281 *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

JOHN 1:14

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.

CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING #267 vs 1-4 ***Joy to the World***

Christmas Commissioning

Leader: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

POSTLUDE String Ensemble

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Callie Ray Bell.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa.

We pray for the people of Ukraine caught in the middle of war and violence. Our hearts break when women and children are displaced and families torn apart by the evil actions of others. May you break open hearts so that swords may be beat into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Strings	Bruce Colson, Elizabeth Person, Stephen Buckles, Erna Buckles and Josue Martinez
Acolyte	Alicia Calvo
Altar Steward	Elnora and Ken McDonald, Carmen Adams - Schulz
Assisting Minister	Megan DeVaney
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols and Pete Forsberg
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistants	Elnora and Ken McDonald, Peter and Linda Miller, Steve and Carmen Adams - Schulz
Hospitality Hosts	Auby family, Rick and Kendra Burnight, Calvo family
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations	Dave Wegner
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Student Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Controller	Kevin Marlow

Special thanks to [Land of Legends Coffee](#) for supplying
coffee and cocoa!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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C CELEBRATE! May all who gather in churches all over the world to celebrate Christ's birth find a way to celebrate the unifying language of Love.

H HOPE! May the children who surround us infuse our lives with joy, bringing smiles to our faces, feelings of happiness, and renewed hope for the future.

R REMEMBER! May all the ornaments on the tree and decorations in your home touch your life with the blessing of memories.

I INCARNATION! May the gift of love of "God with us" promised at Christmas ignite a fire of love, removing all the resentments and hostility that exists in the world and in our lives.

S SING! May the powerful and moving songs of this season inspire your hearts to sing with full voice this Christmas season, "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come"!

T TELL! May the witness of the Shepherds who told everyone what they had seen and heard compel us to share and live the Good News that Jesus is born.

M MESSINESS! May the imperfection and all the unmet expectations of this holy season remind us of Jesus coming into the messiness of our lives to save us and the world from ourselves.

A ANSWER! May the Truth that "God so loved the world that he gave us his Son..." give us hope in the challenges of life inspiring us to put our love into action. Jesus is the answer to the season!

S SENSATIONAL! May you experience the sensation of hearing the greatest of all stories told at worship on Christmas Eve and may your senses come alive with the awesome sights and beautiful sounds of a child born in Bethlehem.

Peace,
Pr. Tom and Pr. Lauren

Christmas Day Worship



Come As You Are!
Sunday, December 25

9:30am Activity Center: Breakfast + Fellowship
10:45am Sanctuary: Christmas Worship
10:45am Online: Rebroadcast of Christmas Eve

Christmas Poinsettias Given By

Connie Astrachan; Ron and Charlyn Bacon, in memory of Carla Faulk and Kelly Bacon; Earl and Amy Bishop, in honor of our boys - Cole and Clay Bishop; Rick and Jan Burnight, in honor of our children and grandchildren; Don and Ruby Cadenhead; Carlos and Christine Stern Calvo in memory of Uncle Dave and our grandparents; Bill and Sara Dawson in memory of Patricia Reed & Janet/Lee Dawson; Bril and Karen Flint, in memory of our parents; Pr. Tom and Jeanne Grevlos, in memory of Charles Lauth and Carl Grevlos; Barb Hampton, in memory of Eric and Hal Hampton; Judy and Bob Haugen, in memory of Luther and Qunita Koepke, Eileen Morgan, Harold and Betty Haugen, Jim and Rhonda Burkett; Bill and Yolanda Heine; Anita Knight, in memory of Don Knight;

Beverly Lauth, in memory of Charles Lauth; Tom and Betty Lueders, in memory of Judy and Mrs. Thro Lueders, Rex and Mrs. Leslie Ezell; Dan and Audrey Lunecki, in memory of John Perkunas; Bobby and Margaret McQuiston, in memory of the Morgan and McQuiston families; Alan Miller, in memory of Gloria Miller; David and Cindy Nelson, in memory of Joe Pyle; Charlie and Alana Oehler, in memory of our parents; Kathy and Herb Palmer, To the Glory of God; Diane Peterson, in memory of Larry Lommel and Tommi Femrite; Pam and Jeff Petrik, in memory of Vernon and Pearl Lee; Jeri Porter, in memory of Charlene Fischer; Glenn and Kitt Richter, in honor of our grandchildren; Linda Roesle, in memory of LaVerne and Arthur Kalhow; Kathie Smith and family, in memory of Rev. Thomas C. Smith; Jane Tackett, in memory of Ray, Ray, Paul, Debbie and Jude.