

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way or fill out the guest slip contained in this bulletin and place it in the offering place.

Tonight's Service: "Who is He?" NPH. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Who Is He?

A Children's Christmas Service

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (CW 354)

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**God from true God, and Light from Light eternal, Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, All glory in the highest. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 24:7-10*

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

Congregation: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

Congregation: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is He, this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD Almighty, He is the King of glory.

Sermonette

1. WHO IS HE? THE PROMISED ONE

Narration: Kailyn Dundore and Jack O'Mara

Recitation: (Level 1)

Hymn by Congregation: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (CW 338)

**On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.**

**When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and saints with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.**

**From out of darkness we have Light Which made the angels sing this night.
From out of darkness we have Light Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore, Amen."**

2. WHO IS HE? THE PROPHESED ONE

Narration: Truman Dexter and Aubrey O'Mara

Recitation: (Level 2)

Hymn by Congregation: "Joy to the World" (CW 353)

**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.**

**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.**

**No more let sins and sorrows 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.**

**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.**

3. WHO IS HE? THE NEWBORN ONE

Narration: Jack O'Mara and Kailyn Dundore

Recitation: (Level 2 &1)

Hymn by Congregation: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (CW 333)

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth. (cont..)**

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will Receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

Narration: Jack O'Mara and Kailyn Dundore

Solo: "Love Has Come" (CW 364)

4. WHO IS HE? THE ONE TO BE SHARED

Narration: Kailyn Dundore and Truman Dexter

Song by Children and Congregation: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (CW 346)

(Congregation sings the verses; Children sing the refrain)

**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.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]**

Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



Christmas Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Father, with joy and wonder we gather around the manger on this night as we recall how great is Your love for us, sending Your Son into our world wrapped in our flesh as a tiny child to forgive our sins.

Congregation: Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.

Pastor: Jesus, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us. You gave up heaven to live on earth as one of us, and one with us, to forgive our sin.

Congregation: Who is He? He is Christ the Lord.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us, gathering us together through the waters of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and by the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.

Congregation: Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received in faith, and kept unto life eternal.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we pray that we not shut the Lord Jesus out of our hearts, but be ever ready to welcome Him as He comes to us still today, while awaiting the Last Day when He comes as a thief in the night, not born in our flesh but to resurrect all flesh and to make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Everlasting Lord, we pray that we see Jesus not only as the baby of Bethlehem, but also honor Him as the Christ of the cross and recognize the majesty of the King of kings and Lord of lords, both humbly adoring and proudly proclaiming Him as our King and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Renewing Lord, let the Good News of Christmas inspire a renewing of hope, faith, joy, wonder, and witness in our hearts, our homes, in this congregation, and in the Church throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comforting Lord, we pray for all those who lack joy this Christmastime due to afflictions spiritually, mentally, and physically. We remember those who request our prayers, and those we name in our hearts [brief pause for silent prayer]. Grant that the hope and promise found in a Savior born for them will give peace in times of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through the Savior born for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Song by Children: "Who Is He?" (by Matthew Manthe)

Lighting of the Candles

The pastor will call forward the ushers and will light his candle off the Christ Candle, and then light their candles. The ushers will go down the aisles lighting the person on the end's candle. The person WITHOUT the flame will tip their candle towards the lighted candle and will pass the flame on to the next person in the row. Be careful not to spill candle wax.

Prayer

Pastor: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our judge, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: May He who by His incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: "Silent Night" (CW 337)

**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.**

(Everyone sing in the German.)

**Stille Nacht! Heil'ge Nacht! Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knab' im lockigen Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh! Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!**

**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 Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. (CW 337)**

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- ❖ The children will receive Christmas bags as they leave church this evening.
- ❖ When you leave the chapel, extinguish candles and hand them to the usher as you are ushered out of church this evening.
- ❖ Christmas Day worship will take place tomorrow at 10:30 AM.