



*All Earth is Hopeful  
The Savior Comes!*

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24, 2020  
4:00pm 92.1Fm Radio and Online  
Grace Lutheran Church | Providence Valley Lutheran Church

*Prepare the Royal Highway; the King of Kings is near! Let every hill and valley, a level road appear.  
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story. Truth and love and hope abide, this Christmastide.  
Behold, the desert blossoms, the dry land blooms like spring. The time is near when heaven and earth awake and sing.  
Truth and love and hope abide, this Christmastide. The King is meek and humble, a child of lowly birth;  
Yet one whose love and mercy, encompass all the earth. Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide!*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

*“O Holy Night”*

JACOB WAGER

THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Christmas. Birth. Dawn. “I am the light of the world.” Christ declares. The first rays of this dawn, this light, is enough to stir our soul. We know, from the first hint of this light, what is to come. This light will overtake darkness. We live in this light.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

*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:*

*(Refrain) Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*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)*

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

*Child for us sinners, poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee  
with love and awe; Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly. (Refrain)*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

THE WELCOME

P: May the peace and the love of the Lord be yours this night and always. **C: And also with you.**

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

*Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"*

## The Birth of Jesus Proclaimed

From Luke 2

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

GAGE HANSON

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

THE GOSPEL VERSE

*"Joy to the World" (The congregation stands and sings)*

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing...  
And heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world! 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 sound in joy*

*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 and wonders of his love*

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

MAKYAH COUBAL

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all.

THE GOSPEL VERSE

*“Away in a Manger”*

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven to live with you there.*

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

ELI OURADA

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

THE GOSPEL VERSE

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

*It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all  
From heavens all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.*

THE HOMILY

## The Gifts We Bring

THE OFFERTORY

*“Jesus Messiah”*

KELSEY COLLINS

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Most loving God, **Cong: from whom all thought of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide us with your pure and peaceable wisdom that your kingdom may go forward, till the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Christmas Candlelight Service

*[The candle represents Jesus Christ, who was born that we might have life and light. His light spread to the disciples, then to the church down through the ages until the world was bright with His gospel. As the Acolytes light the candles in our church, we are reminded of the Light of Life that has spread into our lives. Let us also be reminded of those who sit in darkness and how Jesus commissioned us to share the Light that we enjoy.]*

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT

*“Candlelight Carol”*

HAILEY MORK

THE CHRISTMAS LITANY

Pastor: We have received in faith that which you, O Lord, have promised.

**Cong: Emmanuel: God with us, God in us, revealed to us.**

P: Our souls rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

**C: The Lord will be our everlasting light and glory.**

P: Praise and glory be to you, now and forevermore.

**C: Our candles illuminate the story. The Light of the world has come.**

P: And this light is a light for all; radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence and the peace of God, within us and among us to give us hope, now and always.

*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 thy holy face, With the dawn of  
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

## THE PRAYER OF LIGHT

P: O God most high, our Eternal Light, in whose will is our peace, we give you thanks for the good news of great joy. Send us on our way glorifying and praising you for all Your goodness. You are our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that all the earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ...for through Him we pray with confidence...

***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.***

*(The candles may be extinguished at this time.)*

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **Cong: And also with you.**

(We share Christ's peace with those around with these or similar words, "Peace be with you.")

## THE SENDING

JEREMIAH 29, PSALM 71

Pastor: With the dawning of light, hope is born in us. Light brings life to the world. We live in hope. "I am the Light of the world", Christ declares. With this light, in Christ, we see anew. We are able to see more clearly. We see the world. And it is good. We see our neighbor. And we are filled with love. We live in this hope.

***Cong: In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us; Be to me a rock of refuge for you are my rock and my fortress. You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.***

P: Do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

***C: But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.***

P: For thus says the Lord: For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me.

***C: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.***

P: Now faith, hope and love abide. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## "Angels We Have Heard On High"

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*Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.*

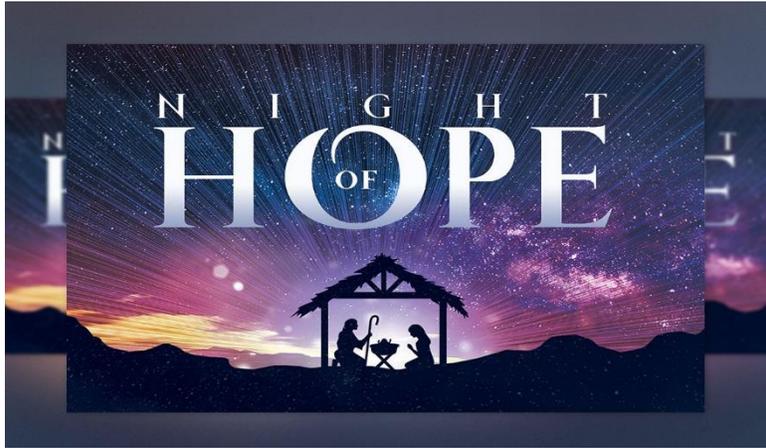
*(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King (Refrain)*

## THE POSTLUDE

*Thank you for joining us for worship at Grace & Providence Valley!*

*May the gifts of God's grace,  
the healing light of Christ's gentleness,  
and peace bring you hope this Christmas Season  
and throughout the coming year.*



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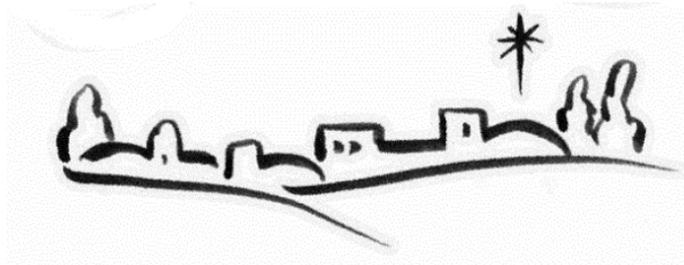
## *Hope Renews All The Earth*

*The hills are bare at Bethlehem, No future for the world they show;  
Yet here new life begins to grow, From earth's old dust a greenwood stem.  
The heart is tired at Bethlehem, No human dream unbroken stands,*

*Yet here God comes to mortal hands,*

*And hope renewed cries out; Amen.*

*Royce J. Sherf*



*This Christmas Eve  
outdoor worship are given in memory of Tim Lee from Bob and Marlene Lee.*

*bulletins used for our*

*The Online & Radio Broadcast are given by Doc and Sharon Skordahl in honor of Jon & Tammy Wager and  
all of their grandchildren.*

*We offer our prayers for...*

*Jim Anderson, Pat Saltness, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Monica Kennedy, Brad Madsen, Lauren Thoen, Bonnie Westfield, Jeff Moe, Julie Miron, Deb Lewis, Butch Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Sharla Kruger, Kenneth Paradis, Sam Maass, Jon Lund, Arlys Buer, Evelyn Lundgren, Madeline & Wilton Gustafson, Ken & Carol Erp, Lorraine Bakken, Jim Bakken, Phyllis Lund, John Roiger, John Perry Peterson, Mary Schommer, Eloise Ronning, Brett Stratmoen, Joey Anderson-Urness, Lorraine Madsen, Ames Wager, Scarlett Ludvigson, Jon and Tammy Wager.*

**Sympathy to the Families of:**

*Orgean Storlien, Charles Peterson, Betty Jane Johnson, Ginny Boraas, Bob Twete, Todd Buer, & Elnore Bergeson*

**Worship Participants**

**Pastor:** Kendall L. Stelter

**Intern Pastor:** Stephanie Gossett

**Organist/Pianist:** Chris Lehne

**Lector:** Gage Hanson, Makyah Coubal, Eli Ourada

**Special Music:** Jacob Wager (recorded Christmas Eve 2017), Kelsey Collins, and Hailey Mork

**Thank you to our December Praise Team:** Jon Wager, Tim Borstad, Ryan Stotesbery, Brandon Hurley, Allysa Larson, Hailey Gritmacker, Stephanie Gossett, Pastor Kendall Stelter, Jeri Popma, Jalyynn Popma, Savannah Erickson, Patti Mork, Chris Lehne, and Avery Gilman

***Congratulations to Tony & Chelsea Ludvigson on the birth of Scarlett Rose!***

***This Week at Grace & Providence Valley***

***Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

*4:00 KLQP Q92.1FM Radio Broadcast*

*4:30pm "Parking Lot Proclamation" Candlelit Christmas Eve Service @ DB Community Center Parking Lot*

*6:00pm Providence Valley Lutheran Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

*(Masks and Social Distancing Guidelines Required)*

*Online Service Available at [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org), [pvlchurch.org](http://pvlchurch.org), or Facebook*

***Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>***

*9:00am KLQP 92.1FM Radio & Online Broadcast Worship Service*

***Announcements***

***"Parking Lot Proclamation"***

*Join us Thursday, December 24th at 4:30pm for our "Parking Lot Proclamation" Service. We will gather in the Community Center parking lot (adjacent from Grace Lutheran Church). You are welcome to stay in your vehicles or stand outside (wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines). We will proclaim Christ's birth through song and scripture!*

***Christmas Eve Sunday School Bags***

*The week of Christmas (20th-23rd) there will be children's Christmas gift bags which will include treats, a craft, and a special item for the Christmas Eve Online Worship. Don't forget to pick up your goody bag! They will be located in the East Church entryway*

***Tithes & Offerings***

*Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or [pvlchurch.org](http://pvlchurch.org), simply click on the "Give Online" tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" in your App Store and set up your account! And Grace Lutheran now has TEXT OFFERING! Simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430! Offerings can also be mailed to:*

*Grace Lutheran Church – PO Box 549 - Dawson, Mn 56232 or*

Providence Valley Lutheran Church - C/O 2722 100th Street - Dawson, MN 56232

*Thank you for your continued support this year, both financially and spiritually.*

### ***Effortless Giving!***

*There are also options for you to give without having to open your pocketbook! When shopping online at Amazon, simply go to "Amazon Smiles" and add Grace Lutheran Church-Dawson MN as your charity. Thrivent Financial members, direct your Choice Dollars to Grace by March 31, 2021. Thrivent Choice Dollars are your share of Thrivent's charitable funding. A portion of all your premiums and contract values grow your amount of Choice Dollars, and you can direct them to Grace Lutheran Church of Dawson, MN or Providence Valley Lutheran Church by logging on to your online account and choosing the "Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars" link under the "My Thrivent" tab. Also under this tab you will find the link for "Thrivent Action Teams" where you can apply for up to two (2) free \$250 grants from Thrivent per calendar year for your favorite charity events. Contact the office for projects needing grants or for help with any of these options.*

### **POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

- ❖ Loved Ones from Jane Martinson
- ❖ Kari Engebretson from Delaine Engebretson
- ❖ Our Parents from Donn and Sue Mork
- ❖ Jon Sorby from Paul and Shirlene Sorby
- ❖ Roger Schoephoerster from Kurt and Diane Schoephoerster
- ❖ Our Parents from George and Sharon Vick
- ❖ Our Grandparents from Kendall and Emily Stelter
- ❖ Cindy Gordon from Marian Storlien
- ❖ Orgean Storlien from Marian Storlien
- ❖ Irene and Elmer Thompson from Mike and Kim Thompson
- ❖ Jordan Martinson from Mike and Kim Thompson
- ❖ Evie Kruschke from Mike and Kim Thompson
- ❖ Olivia Marie Miller from her grandparents; Stephen and Donna Morris
- ❖ Loved Ones from Keith and Gail Nelson
- ❖ Nathan Schueller and Mackenzie Overlander from Serena and Cody Brown, Noah and Jen Borstad
- ❖ Our Parents from Curtis and Sharon Johnsrud
- ❖ Don Martinson & Tom and Doris Collins from Kurt, Karen Kelsey and Kyler Collins
- ❖ Gerald, Pat and Kristi Michaelson from Jim and Maren Bakken
- ❖ Roger Bergeson from Tony and Cindy Aafedt Family
- ❖ Mckinnen Lee Ann from Mommy, Daddy, Morgan, Gavin, Madelyn, Maren and Grayson
- ❖ AnnaMae Thielke from Lucas and Tenley Brown
- ❖ Robert Kemen from Phyllis Kemen and Family
- ❖ Dennis and Ardith Westgaard from Dale and Desrae Kemen Family & Scott and Bobbi Schacherer Family
- ❖ Mackenzie Overlander from Terry & Becky Overlander & Family
- ❖ Orgean Storlien from Nathan & Jesi Martinson Family
- ❖ Vicky and DuWayne Swenson from Vince & Betty Adelman
- ❖ Anna Mae Thielke from Del Thielke
- ❖ Myra Thielke from Del Thielke
- ❖ Annie Ford and Family from Del Thielke

### **POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:**

- ❖ All Healthcare Workers from Dan and Stacey Lee
- ❖ Our Children and Grandchildren from Roger and Karen Strom
- ❖ Parents, Children and Grandchildren from Jon and Tammy Wager
- ❖ Our Grandchildren; Aidan & Emilie Erkes and Henry Peet from Woody and Diane Peet
- ❖ My Friends; Eloise, Joan, Anne and Karen from Patsy Leegaard
- ❖ Our Great Grandchildren; Logan, Layton, Emery, Asher, Peyton, Ezra, William and Ames from Doc and Sharon Skordahl

- ❖ Daughter MiShel and Stevie Painter from Steve Painter
- ❖ Tristin Bothun from Steve Painter
- ❖ Johnson Memorial Medical Staff and all employees from Steve Painter
- ❖ Pastor Kendall and Emily from Steve Painter
- ❖ Hunter, Matthew, Paisley, and Isabella from Mom and Dad

- ❖ *The Paschal Candle and Altar Tree Decorations are in memory of Marjorie Vane from Donn & Sue Mork.*
- ❖ *The Christmas Trees by the altar are given in memory of Sam Olson by Curt and Sharon Johnsrud and Woody and Diane Peet.*
- ❖ *The Christmas Tree in the baptismal area is given in memory of Jordan Martinson from Mike and Kim Thompson and Family.*
- ❖ *The Christmas Tree in the narthex is given in memory of Rueben & Ethelyn Johnsrud from Curt and Sharon Johnsrud.*
- ❖ *The Christmas Tree in the north entry is given by Keith and Gail Nelson in honor of the grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*
- ❖ *The Outdoor Christmas Tree is given in memory of Dwight, Alta, and Sutton Roesch from Nathan and Jesi Martinson and Family.*
- ❖ *The White Advent Poinsettias are given in memory of our mothers, RoseMarie Nack & Connie Stelter, from Kendall & Emily Stelter.*
- ❖ *The Christmas Cross hanging outside is in memory of Troy Ellefson and Tami (Ellefson) Schulenberg from Ross, Teresa, Troy's Goddaughter Megan, and Tami's Godson Matt Lynne.*