Inside Worship at Bethel 12-27-20

1st Sunday of Christmas

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva Hymnists: Ron & Doris Freund**

Gathering Music:

**Song – “Joy to the World” ELW, # 267**

1. 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.

1. 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.

**“Angels We have Heard on High”**

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly swinging o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains  
  
**Refrain: Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria In Excelsis Deo**  
2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

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

**Refrain**

**Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb**

**Opening Song: “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”**

1. 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!

2. 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.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest:

Refrain.

**Opening Prayer**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**Song– Infant Holy,** [**Infant**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/infant) **Lowly**

1. For His bed a [cattle](https://www.definitions.net/definition/cattle) stall; oxen lowing, [little](https://www.definitions.net/definition/little) knowing

Christ, the babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, [angels](https://www.definitions.net/definition/angels) singing

Bells are ringing, [tidings](https://www.definitions.net/definition/tidings) bringing

Christ, the child is Lord of all! Christ, the child is Lord of all!

1. Flocks were sleeping, [shepherds](https://www.definitions.net/definition/shepherds) keeping vigil till the [morning](https://www.definitions.net/definition/morning) new

Saw the glory, [heard](https://www.definitions.net/definition/heard) the story tidings of a [gospel](https://www.definitions.net/definition/gospel) true

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises [voicing](https://www.definitions.net/definition/voicing), greet the morrow

Christ, the babe was born for you! Christ, the babe was born for you

Sermon **“Our Eyes See God’s Salvation”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Holy Communion – Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Refrain  
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.**

1. **While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
   Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.  
   Refrain**
2. **The shepherds feared and trembled, when low above the earth,  
   rang out the angels chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.  
   Refrain**
3. **Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
   And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Refrain**

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**