

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Welcome to Bethel on this Christmas Eve! We’re so glad you're here to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with us. Even in this Covid Crisis, **especially** in this Covid Crisis, we welcome in the Prince of peace, joy, hope, and love. May you sense His presence among us as we worship today!

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Gathering Music: “For Unto Us A Child Is Born”
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The Christmas Eve Welcome

*** The Carol: “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;	O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word. Give to our Father glory in the Highest; O come, let us adore Him,
<i>(Chorus)</i> O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.	<i>(Chorus)</i> All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
	<i>(Chorus)</i>

* The Christmas Greeting:

L: Let us celebrate the coming of The Long-Awaited One...

P: Let us raise our courage and go to Bethlehem to see the mystery in the stable!

L: For the One who holds the world and hung the stars is wrapped in swaddling clothes and received as a guest in an animal’s manger...

P: The time of salvation is at hand! Let us prepare our hearts, and all of creation, for the Savior’s birth!

L: Let us sing the Good News from the roof tops as the angels did...

P: Our wait is over! Our hearts will explode with joy if we don’t raise our voices to sing hosannas to God in the highest!

*The Christmas Prayer

* Sharing of the Christmas Peace

Special Music: “Our God Is with Us”
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The Children’s Message: Pastor John Lestock

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

***The Carol: “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”	Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”
Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’ incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.	Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen 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 us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”
*The Christmas Gospel:	Luke 2:1-20
The Christmas Message:	“The Weight of The World” Pastor John Lestock

***The Carol: “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	<i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i> <i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i>
<i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i> <i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i>	Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?	<i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i> <i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i>

* The Offering Prayer:

L: God of all wonders...

P: We offer our humble gifts today in appreciation of all You have done for us! As You gave what is most precious to You in Jesus, we now give faithfully to You, and Your work. Amen!

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: “Some Children See Him”
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*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

P: The Lord is with you, too.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

*Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Wine

*** 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: Now come and join the feast with joyful hearts.

*The Communion Blessing

*The Christmas Prayer

* The Litany of Light:

L: Jesus, our Light of all Lights...

P: Come to us again tonight and break the power of darkness in our lives and our world!

L: Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give...

P: Share Your light in this place tonight to inspire and strengthen our faith!

L: Jesus, our Savior, Leader, and Lord...

P: Give us Your light to shine on others to help light their way!

*Shining The Light of Christ

* The Carol: “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

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,
heavenly 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

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.

* The Christmas Blessing

*The Sending Music: “Go Tell It On The Mountain”
John W. Work Jr.
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Worship Notes

Technical Assistants: Tom Prestin, Larry Quam, Kevin Carrier
Kathy Jeska

The New Song Band

Piano/Keys: Craig Koehnen, Calla Jenkinson	Bass: Will Suit Drums: Steve Jerlow Vocals: Katie Possehl Tracey Jenkinson
Guitars: Paul Gavic, Sam Chapman	

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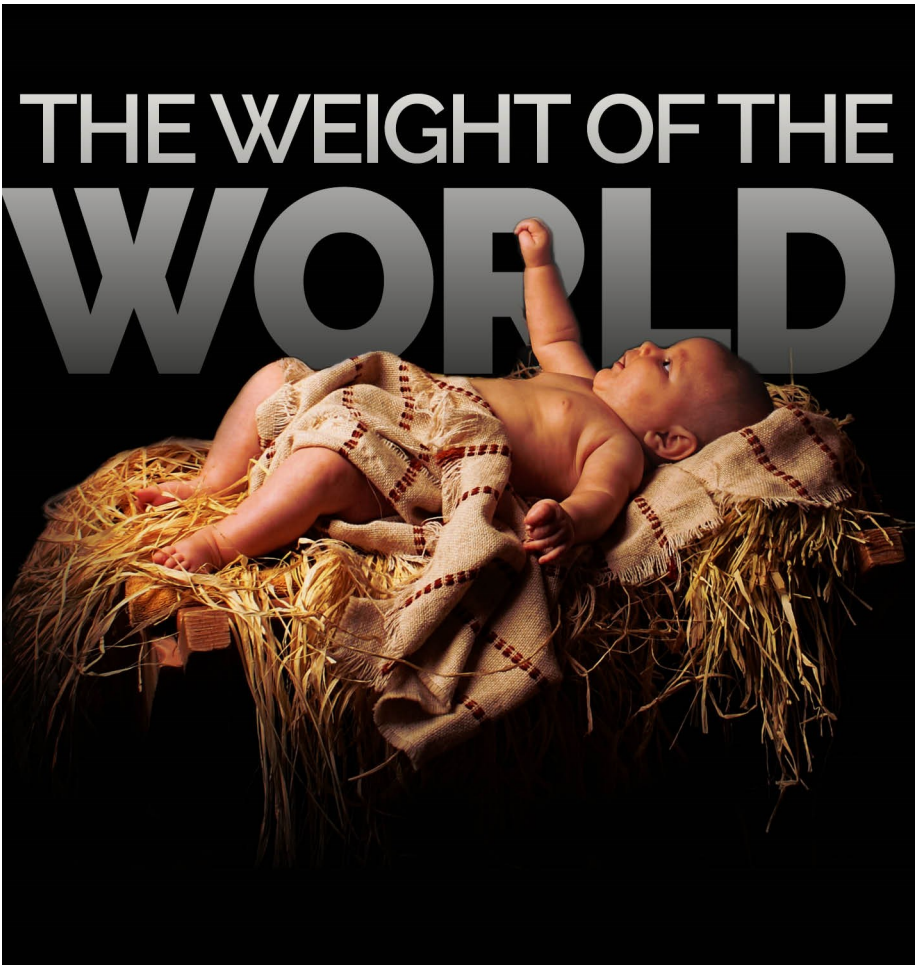
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~ J.I. Packer



CHRISTMAS EVE
CAROLS, COMMUNION &
CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

2:00 PM WORSHIP | Highlands Campus

Pastor John Lestock, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg,
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski,
Worship Leaders

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