

Holy Child of Bethlehem



Name: *radia*

Age: *8*

descend to us, we pray

Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship! We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

May you sense the Spirit's presence here!

If you live in the area and don't have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming part of our community of faith! The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered for all who believe Jesus suffered and died, that we might be forgiven, strengthened in spirit and have everlasting life. We celebrate and receive the meal at an Open Table. Children are welcome to receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive are invited to come to the altar for a blessing.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2020 – 5pm & 7pm

This evening we gather outside and worship around the campfire.

Welcome

P: We gather tonight with joy in our hearts and peace in our lives as we rejoice and celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

Gathering Prayer

P: Let us pray. God of love and grace, tonight, as we gather around the campfire, we are reminded of that night the shepherds were in the fields taking care of their sheep when the angels came from heaven announcing the good news of Jesus' birth! We pray this night that you would warm our hearts with the presence of Christ in our lives and may Jesus, the light of the world shine brightly in us and through us every day!

C: Amen.

Carol of Praise:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Book 283

I 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:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The Telling of the Christmas Story: Luke 2: 1-20

About that time Emperor Augustus, gave orders that everyone's names had to be listed in record books. That meant that everyone had to go to the town their ancestors were from to be listed. So Joseph had to leave the town he was living in, called Nazareth and travel all the way to Bethlehem, which would have taken them about a whole week to travel there because they had to walk! You

see, Joseph was from King David's family and King David was from Bethlehem. Well Mary, who was engaged to Joseph went with him. And she was going to have a baby! After they arrived in Bethlehem they found out there wasn't room in any of the inns. But one innkeeper let them stay in his stable, where she gave birth to her baby and laid him in a feeding trough, called a manger. That night in the fields near Bethlehem, there were shepherds taking care of their sheep. All of sudden an angel appeared to them and the sky lit up with God's glory!

The shepherds were frightened! But the angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have great news for you that will bring joy to everyone. The Savior has been born in Bethlehem. He is Christ the Lord. You will know him when you see him, because he will be wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger." Then a crowd of angels came down from heaven and sang praises to God saying, "Praise to God in heaven! Peace on earth and good will to all people!" After the angels went back into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem to see all these things that God has told us about."

So the shepherds hurried off to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus lying in the manger just like the angels had said. When they saw Jesus they told Mary and Joseph all that the angels had told them. Those who heard them were amazed. But Mary kept all these things in her heart, wondering what it all might mean. As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God. Everything the angel had told them was just as he said it would be!

Carol of Praise: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* *Red Book 275*

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

4 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of peace and joy, we give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus into the world to bring peace and to give us hope. Surround us with your joy and love this night and help us to share the good news with the world.

C: Amen.

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
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*

3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Greeting

P: Christ is born: Alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession And Forgiveness

P: God, in your coming to us at Christmas you bring light and love to a dark and hurting world.

A: We know we have done things we shouldn't do, we don't treat one another the way we should and we need your light in our lives. Jesus, forgive us.

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing forgiveness and salvation to the whole world. We are saved. Our sins are washed away and we are made new in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Carol of Praise:

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (Verse 3)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Children's Time:

Christmas Reflection: Pastor Dan Keck

Confession Of Faith: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

(Refrain) 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, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *(Refrain)*

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 we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *(Refrain)*

Prayer

P: Gracious God of healing, you sent you son Jesus into our world to bring joy, forgiveness and healing. This night we especially pray for: *(names will be mentioned.)*
Oh Lord bring them healing, love and joy as only you can. This we pray through Jesus our lord. Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the newborn Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray: Gracious God, we know that all good things come from you.
Accept these gifts that are given this day as our offering to you, for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and
suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms
to all.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat it, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We join together in the Lord's Prayer:

The 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; 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.

P: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Distribution

You are asked to come forward, one family unit at a time to the distribution table where the communion elements are located. Please take a cup with a piece of bread in it. You may then take a cup with wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available for those with that preference. Once you receive communion, please move to where the cup disposal basket is and receive a blessing. You may then pull your mask down and consume the bread and wine/grape juice. Place your empty cups in the basket and return to your seats. Thank you!

Communion Songs:

O Holy Night

Isabell Foushee

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees; Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine; Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine; Oh Holy Night! Oh night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the wise men from Orient land

The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord. Oh, praise his name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Red Book #275

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 4 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Red Book #279

- 1 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.

- 2 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!
- 3 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.
- 4 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!

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Candle Lighting

P: As the Christmas star illuminated the sky over Bethlehem that first Christmas, and led the Shepherds to the Christ child,

C: O Lord, Let your Light, shine over us this night.

A: As the Christmas star brought those ancient travelers from the East, to bow down before the infant King,

C: O Lord, Let your Light, shine within us this night.

P: Tonight we rejoice with the shepherds, the Magi, and all the host of heaven as we celebrate the wondrous birth of the one who is the Light of the World, Jesus our Savior! Lord, let these candles burn brightly that we may see clearly the Light of the World. By your Holy Spirit, empower and equip us to live as witnesses of the one True Light that has come to us and to the whole world.

C: O Lord, Let your Light, shine over us, within us, and through us, this night and always.

You are all invited to turn on your candles.

Hymn: *Silent 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, 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Benediction

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing 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.

(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)*

Sending

A: Go in peace. Share the good news of the birth of the Christ Child! And have fun doing it!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Christmas Music*

Worship Assistants for Christmas Eve Services

	<u>Serving at 5pm</u>	<u>Serving at 7pm</u>	<u>Serving at 11pm</u>
Assisting Minister	<i>Beth Gavigan</i>	<i>Beth Gavigan</i>	<i>Keith Graff</i>
Reader	<i>Marion Wyman</i>	<i>Kristin Woodie</i>	<i>Jean Graff</i>
Ushers	<i>The Shoffner family</i>	<i>The Shoffner family</i>	

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Teri Massey, Anne Burkauskas, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Barb Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Gene Snuggs, Lisa, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Belle Hunt, Megan Peoplis, Vaughn & Cathy Schweitzer, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Jennifer Von Cannon, Don Bowman, John Vrba, Karen Matthews, Marge McClosky, Richard Laudati, Joe Wright, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Steve Jones, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), Kristi Johnson, Cyndie Heath, Jami Harris, Jac Schlagle, Lexi Westfall (Hitchcock), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley (Cox), Richard White (Prevatte), Arden Buckley & Erin O'Brien (Buckley), Brad Cook (Shearin), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Bridges family (Lundy), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Pastor Tom Schutt, Belle Hunt,

Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, (Keck), Barbara Gavigan (Gavigan), Robin Stoehr (Gourville) Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Kent Parker (Shearin) Barbara Murtha (Hambel/Lundy).

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men's families / KMLC Preschool / Girl Scout Troops #867, #901 and #155 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / KMLC Youth Group / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Lutheran Church of Costa Rica/ Casa Abierta-La Carpio / Seamen's Center

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-Cape Fear Community College / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jordan Pivik- East Carolina University / Rachel Pivik-ECU / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Vegas Vecchio- University of Washington, Seattle / Heather Keck- Medical University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland / Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-East Carolina University / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-Wake Tech / Kari Bloch-Wake.

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Brandon Muehl at Fort Bragg, NC; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Bragg, NC; , Nick Schwenker-Fort Benning, GA.

COSTA RICA MICRO LOAN RECIPIENTS

Rosa Marin, Aida Marin, Raquel Marin: Village of Guatuso / Zoraida Hernandez, Raul Perez: Village of Quitirrisi / Ana Yensi Rivera: La Carpi / Alexa Araya: San Jose / Marta Doderó.

December

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>10- Worship (InPersonOutdoor/F aceBook/Zoom livestream) 1215- Sunday lunch</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Barry Nelder</p>	<p>7-Blue Christmas service of Care Hope and Healing</p>			<p>Christmas Eve <i>Happy Birthday</i> Judy Kunf</p> <p>5-outdoor Christmas Eve service</p> <p>7- outdoor Christmas Eve service</p> <p>11- indoor Christmas Eve service</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>10- Worship (InPersonOutdoor/F aceBook/Zoom livestream) 1215- Sunday lunch</p>	<p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Conrad Swann</p> <p><i>Happy Anniversary!</i> Beth & Lee Wrenn</p> <p><i>Happy Anniversary!</i> Carlene & Wayne Van Dyck</p>			<p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Grey Von Cannon</p>		

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