



WELCOME!



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Prelude
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**Office of the Acolyte and
Ringing of the Bell**

Welcome

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

P: We confess our sins before God and
one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Forgiving God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: These past two years have been extremely challenging. We have not always risen to the occasion as we might. Sometimes we hid when we should have reached out. Sometimes we lashed out when we should have calmed down. Forgive us for all that we have done and failed to do, and restore us by your grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the baby king.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: God does not remember our sin. God forgives us and makes us new daily. Receive God's merciful forgiveness, and celebrate all that God has given to us: restoration, redemption, and new life. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**LBW 45
Verses 1-3**

*** O, Come All Ye Faithful**

- 1 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, Come All Ye Faithful**

Refrain

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

*** O, Come All Ye Faithful**

**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!**

*** O, Come All Ye Faithful**

Refrain

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

*** O, Come All Ye Faithful**

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

*** O, Come All Ye Faithful**

Refrain

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

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: 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.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION

**P: The Gospel according to St.
Luke, the 2nd Chapter.**

C: Glory to you O Lord!
(Spoken)

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

**¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!”**

**¹⁵When the angels had left them and
gone into heaven, the shepherds said
to one another, “Let us go now to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord has made
known to us.”**

*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

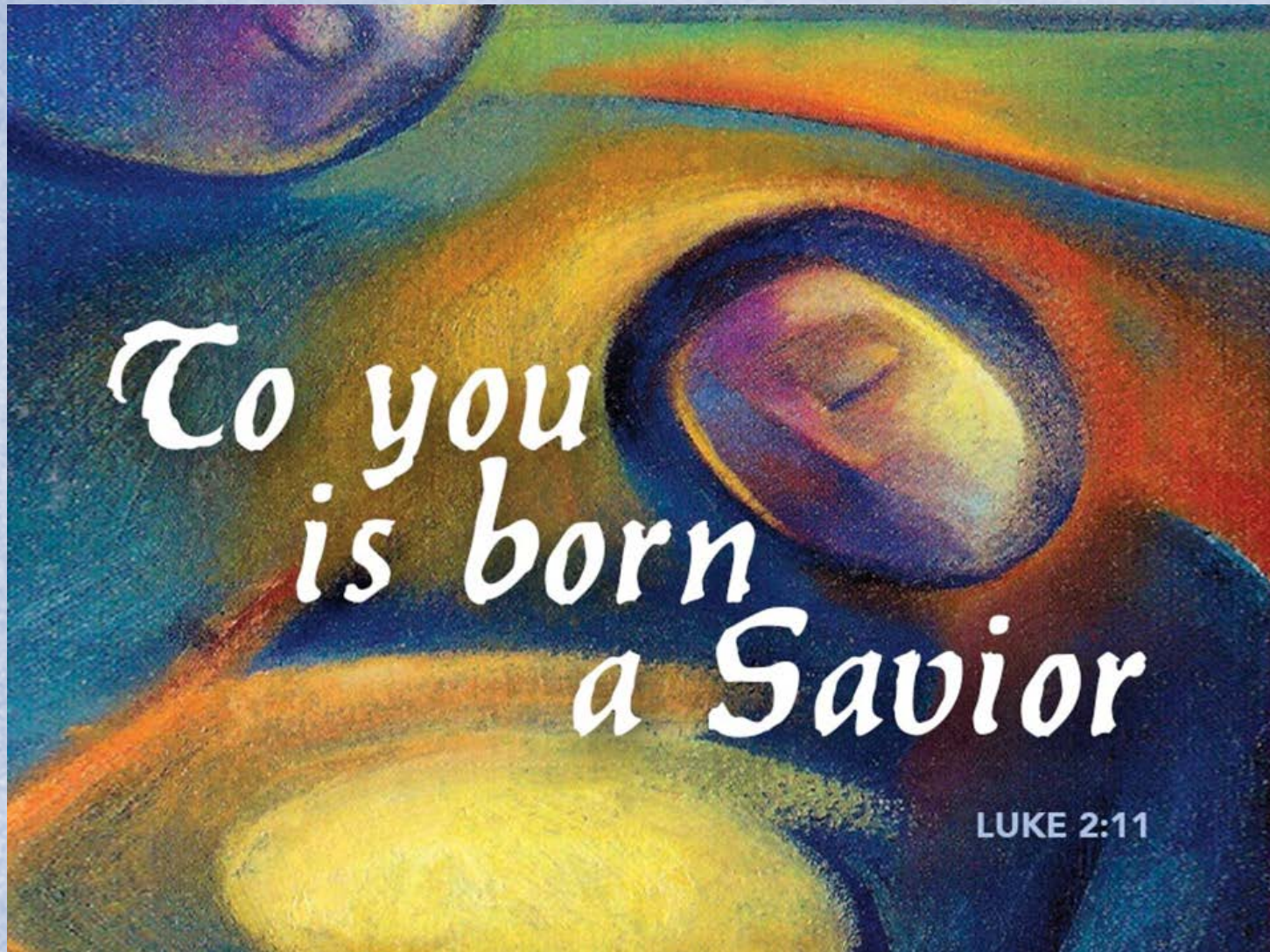
*** GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ!
(Spoken)

- **P: Please be seated**



Sermon

- **Special Music**

By

Larry Harter - 4:00 pm Service

*** NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

*** NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

*** NICENE CREED**

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

*** NICENE CREED**

**C: he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

*** NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*** NICENE CREED**

**C: We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Precious Lord.

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The prayer concludes...

P: On this holy night, we let go of our hearts' concerns and place them all into your loving and capable hands. Bless us, Lord, and keep us in your grace.

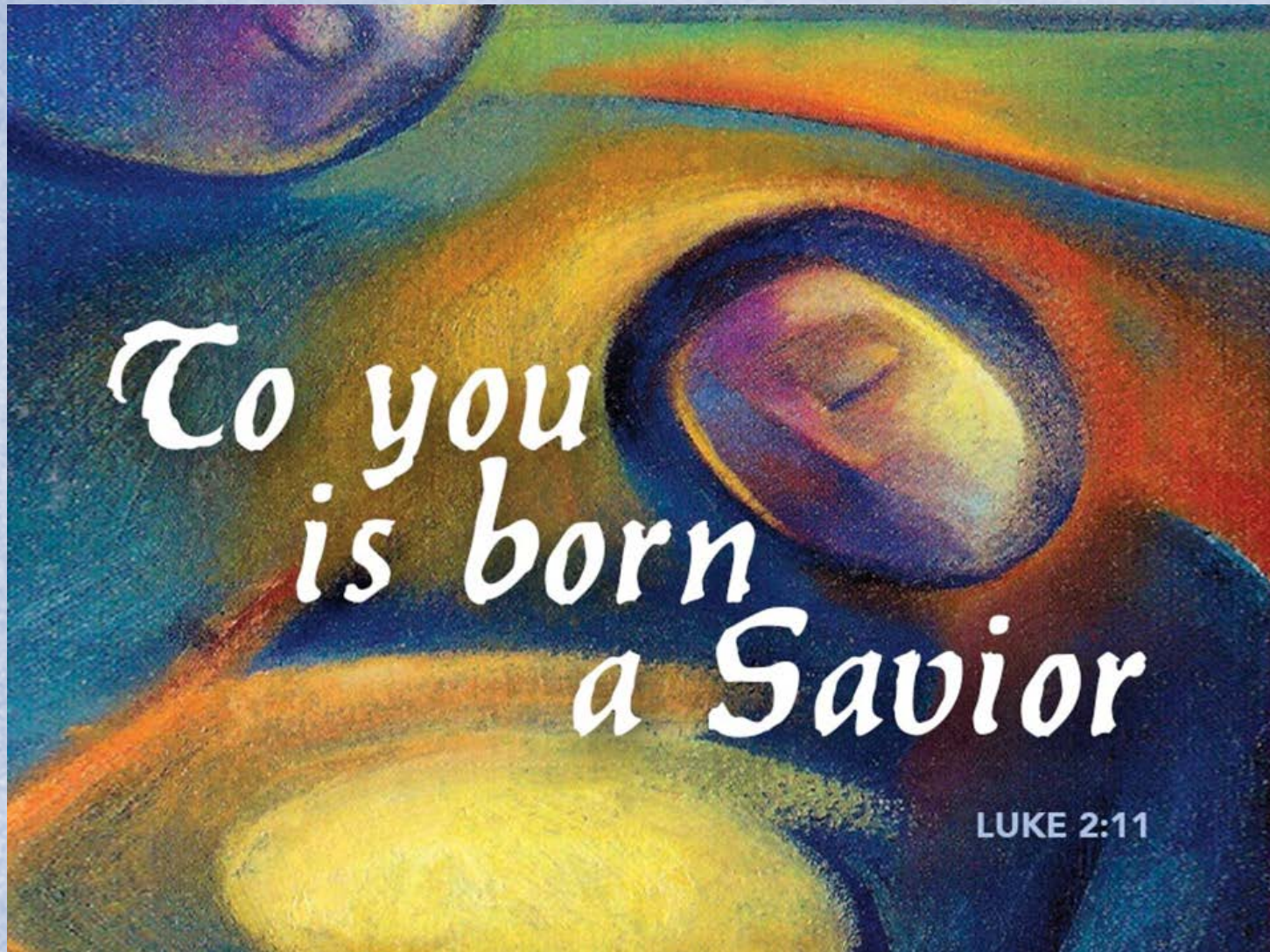
C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

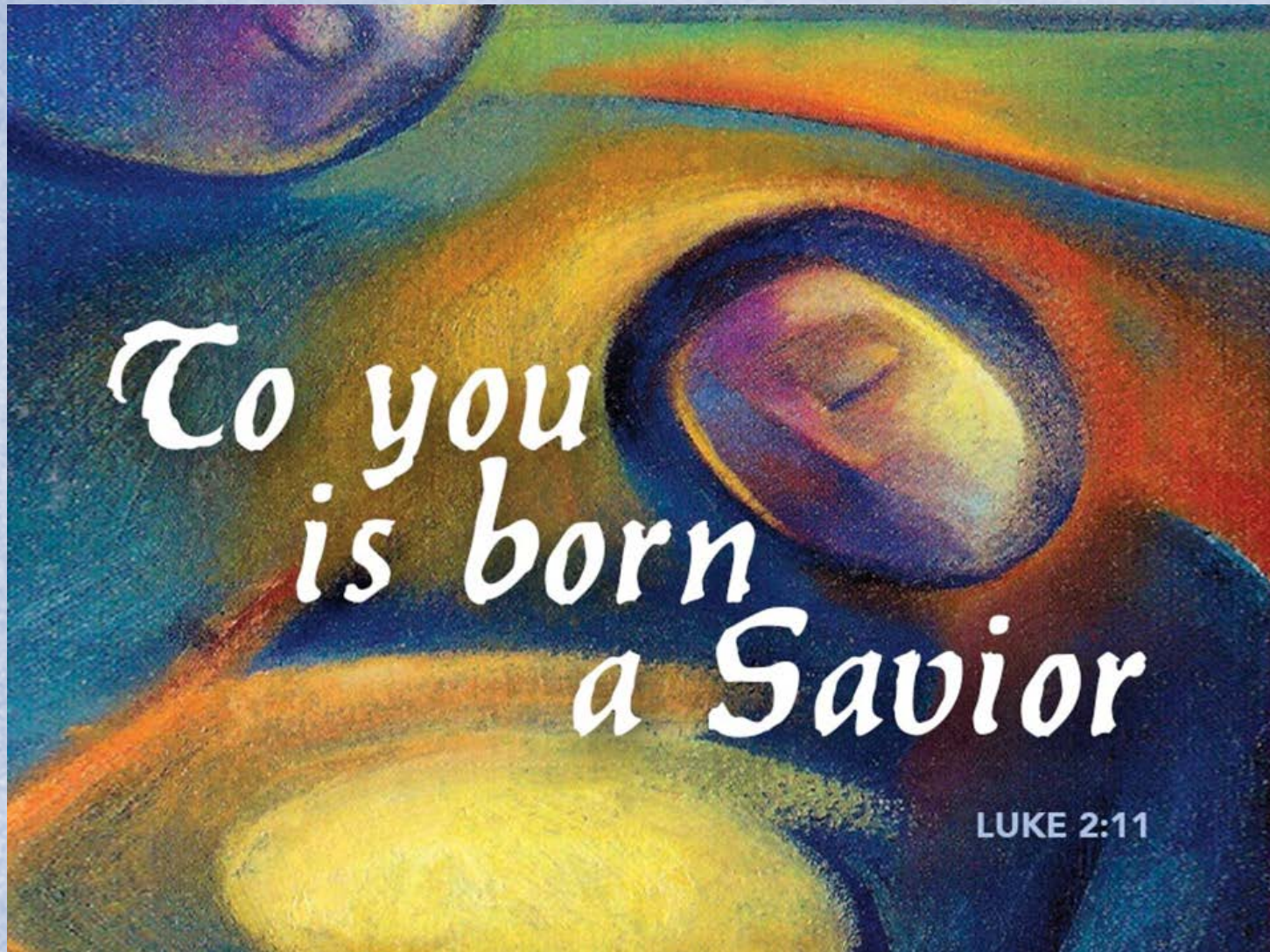
The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



- **Offering Prayer**



- **Announcements**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is by pre-filled kits. All the Baptized are welcome to celebrate this Holy Meal.

Please do not open the Communion Chalice until instructed to do so.

*** DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and
praise.**

*** Preface**

P: It is indeed right...

...join their unending hymn

*** Sanctus**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life...

... in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united into one Body by this heavenly food, so let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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,

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God's love fills us every time we gather to share in the meal of grace. God's light shines through us when we participate in this celebration of God's love. Come to the table that has been prepared for you.

Please dispose of the empty cup in the trash receptacle on your way out of the Sanctuary.

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever...

C: Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

C: Amen

* LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

- *The Acolyte will distribute the flame from the Christ Candle down the center aisle and the congregation will pass the flame from the center aisle outward.*
- *Unlit candles lean to lighted candles so as not to drip hot wax.*
- *When all candles are lit and the only light in the sanctuary, the congregation will sing Silent Night.*

*** Silent Night**

1 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**

**2 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**

3 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.**

***The candles are extinguished and the
lights are restored in the sanctuary
once again.***

*** BLESSING**

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the  Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C: Amen

*** Sending Song**

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

Verses 1-3

*** 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.**

*** 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!**

**2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.**

*** 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!**

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

*** 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!**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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