

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (LSB 379)
(All turn towards the back of the church to face the cross. Continue facing the cross as it enters the sanctuary until it is placed in front of the altar)

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.
P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.
P Let your light scatter the darkness
C and illuminate your Church.



CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.
C Almighty God, even though we should shine with Jesus' light, we often become lost in the shadows of sin. We turn away from your Word and your will to listen to the temptations of the world around us. Instead of seeking to help and serve others, we pay more attention to our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.

P God loved the world and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus died and rose from death for us, and our sins are washed away in his blood. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6 (antiphon: Liturgical text)

P When all was still, and it was midnight,
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

C **Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?**

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed.

C **He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

P Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C **“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P When all was still, and it was midnight,
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joy to the World”

(LSB 387)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation and we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2-7 (The promise of David’s Son)

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM	3:00 & 5:00 pm	“One Small Child” (David Meece, arr. Larson)
		Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist
	7:30 pm	“All Is Well” (arr. Lloyd Larson)
		Tim Larson, vocal soloist

EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14 (Reigning at God’s right hand)

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HYMN OF PRAISE “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (LSB 366)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

(The birth of the Christ)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.***(Please be seated)***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

(LSB 383)

SERMON*"The Light of the World"*

(Luke 2:9)

APOSTLES' CREED*Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book***OFFERING**

We give our tithes and gifts of love

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**C** **Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.****P** O Lord, we call to you; come to us quickly; hear our voice when we cry to you.

- C** Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- P** Set a watch before our mouths, O Lord, and guard the door of our lips. Let not our hearts be drawn to any evil thing, let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But our eyes are turned to you, O God; in you we take refuge. Preserve our lives.
- C** Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- P** Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify you forever.
- C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE HYMN CELEBRATION

- P** Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. (Mark 10:14-15)

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

(LSB 364, v. 1, 3)

- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky--looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

P Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" (LSB 376, v. 1, 2, 5)

**1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**5. Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!**

P Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

HYMN "What Child Is This?" (LSB 370, v. 1-2)

**1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**2 Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

☐ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (LSB 380)

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

**2 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 man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**3 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!"**

ANTHEM 3:00 & 5:00 "What Child Is This?" (arr. KM Base)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

Lighting of Christmas Candles

(The first candle will be lit from the Christ Candle and the ushers will bring the light to the aisles. Please tip the unlit candles to light them. Do not tip lit candles.)

HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" (LSB 363)

**1. Stille nacht, heilige nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar, Das in Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind, Bei dem himmlischen Kind.**

**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.**

**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!**

**3. 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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

C God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(LSB 368)

(All face the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, reminding us that we follow Christ from this place. Once the cross has left, you may face the front of the sanctuary)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Pastor Brad & Susan Urbach
Brent & Sheri Adney

Marrill & Sandy Bales

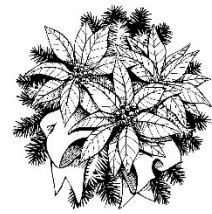
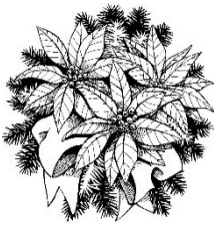
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Monfore family
Lila Houck

Kevin & Nicki Axtell
Steve & Vona Johnson
Bob & Deb Green
Tony & Melissa Neyhart
Hinckley & Dunn families
John & Dawn Koch

In thanksgiving for our family
In memory of our parents-Betty & Lyle
Fuhrman and Twyla & Richard Adney
In thanks for our anniversary & Marrill's
birthday
In thanksgiving for family
In memory of aunt Viola Robbins and
sister-in-law Carolyn Robbins
In thanksgiving for family
In memory of Heidi's mom, Elvera
In memory of husband Dick
In memory of son Noah
In memory of Jim Russell & Shirley English
In memory of Aaron Zimmerman
With thanks for our grandchildren
In memory of Jerry Erbe
In memory of Brooks Monfore
In thanks for the Millers making worship
possible
In memory of Vic Fosheim
With thanks for family
In memory of Forrest & Alice Wixon
In memory of John & Trevor Sundahl
In memory of Robert 'Mal' Hinckley
In memory of our parents

The red poinsettias are given by Pat Huisman in remembrance of her husband
Veryl.





Not Just Another Story

**Join us tomorrow morning at 9:00
for our Christmas Worship**