

## Christmas Celebration

Welcome

Opening Hymn - Oh, Come All Ye Faithful - LSB 379

Responsive Dialog

*from John 1 and Isaiah 9*

P: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: He was in the beginning with God.

**C: All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.**

P: What has come into being in Him was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

P: The light shines in the darkness,

**C: and the darkness did not overcome it.**

P: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: And we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

P: For a child has been born to us,

**C: a son has been given to us.**

P: Authority rests upon his shoulders;

**C: he will establish justice and uphold it with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.**

P: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**C: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Psalmody** - based on Psalm 98

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming - LSB 359 vs. 1,2

## CHRIST IS PROMISED

Scripture Readings - Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

P: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

**C: He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**

P: The Lord Himself will give you a sign:

**C: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**

P: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah,

**C: Out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.**

Hymn - O Little Town of Bethlehem - LSB 361 vs 1, 3

## THE CHRIST IS BORN

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-7

P: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

**C: And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.**

P: And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

**C: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.**

P: And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**R: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

Hymn - What Child is This - LSB 370 v.1 (transitions to)  
Away in a Manger - LSB 364

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:8-14

P: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**C: And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.**

P: And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tiding of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**C: For unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.**

P: And this all be a sign unto you;

**C: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."**

P: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**C: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."**

Hymn - Hark the Herald Angels Sing - LSB 380 vs.1-3

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:15-20

P: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

**C: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."**

P: And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

**C: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.**

P: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

**C: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.**

P: And the shepherds returned,

**C: Glorifying and praise God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.**

Hymn - Angels We Have Heard on High - LSB 368 vs.1-3

Sermon delivered by Pastor Teichmiller

Offering

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Offertory - Silent Night, Holy Night - LSB 363

O Holy Night – Mark Woolley

The Christmas 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.

Closing Liturgy

P: The light of these candles, both on the altar and the Advent wreath reminds us of Christ, our Light, the child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice! The Light of the Word has come. That light transforms us with the brightness of His glory.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaimed to you: that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we say we have fellowship with Him but still walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another;

**C: And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all our sins.**

P: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and then cover its light.

**C: Instead they set the lamp on its stand, set up high, and it lights everyone in the house.**

P: In the same way, let your light shine before everyone, that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven.

### The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Recessional Hymn - Joy to the World - LSB 387

Sending Hymn – Go Tell It on the Mountain – LSB 388 (Begin to exit as we sing the last chorus. Sing as you go.)