

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 10am

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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 98 (TLH Pg. 144) **Prayers:** Morning Prayer (TLH Pg. 118)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN VERSE:

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 the angelic host proclaim. "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

INVOCATION:

Pastor: Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose presence, they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, who sent His Son to be my Savior.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, my Lord, the long-promised Messiah, who came as foretold, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer die, and rise again, to free me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who has brought me to faith in my Savior, and by whose work in my heart I rejoice in my salvation, walk in Christ, show forth His praises, and will one day live and reign with Him in all eternity. Amen.

PRAYERS

Sung: 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!

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING STANZA:

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth efface:
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

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THE POWER AND THE GLORY

Eternal God, in realms unknown
You shine in all your splendor,
Now here in time in darkest night
Your glory You surrender.

O sinful man, I sacrificed
The power and the glory,
That here on earth I might
fulfil Salvation's wondrous story.

Creator God, Whose word called
Forth The universe resplendent,
Now here on earth, a human child,
On creatures You're dependent.

I came to earth in human
flesh To gain your liberation.
Now here I offer flesh and
blood To pay for your salvation.

Preserver God, to Whom the stars
Bow down in all submission,
Now in a manger, small and weak,
You start your holy mission.

I came to suffer and to die,
But this ends not the story,
For I shall take my life again
And rise to highest glory.

O sovereign God, whose power
ordains The rise of every nation,
Now to man's rule You here
submit In this, Your generation.

The power and the glory is
Now hidden in this manger;
But with your eyes you'll see it
all When I return in grandeur.

O little Child of Bethlehem,
Where is Your pow'r and glory?
Why have You come so poor and low?
What is Your sacred story?

Til then, my children, cleansed in
blood, Stand fast midst earthly sorrow,
For soon the day of strife will pass
And joy will greet the morrow.

So hear my words, for they bring hope
And grace and sins forgiven
And peace and joy in realms of bliss
Eternal in the heaven.



Poem written by Professor John Pfeiffer

Pastor: So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Congregation: ¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Pastor: ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

A SHEPHERD HOMILY

HYMN: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

**Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, And we are blessed forevermore.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**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 his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we pray for your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.

**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 the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

P: When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness – on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, prince of Peace.

**Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He leaves His throne on high, 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 new-born King!"**

PRAYER: (Pastor)

**Be near me, Lord, Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in you tender care
And take us to heaven to live with you there.**

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 62:10-12

¹⁰ Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!

¹¹ Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.'" ¹²And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.**

SECOND LESSON:

TITUS 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

THE GOSPEL CELEBRATION

Pastor: And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Congregation: ⁴**Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.**

Pastor: ⁶So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷And 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.

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Pastor: Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them,

Congregation: **"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."**

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

Congregation: ¹⁴**"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
"Glory to God in the highest!"
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**