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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

11:00 p.m.

Preservice Music

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”
“The First Noel”
“There Is a Rose”
“Away in a Manger”
“Once in Royal David’s City”

Processional Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

Hymn 376

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| 1. Solo | 4. All |
| 2. Choir | 5. All |
| 3. All | |

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

P: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

C: **Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

P: Your throne is established from old; you are from everlasting.

C: **Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

All: **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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Hymn of Praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn 379**Collect**

P: O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.**

Hymn

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

The Epistle Reading Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who 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.**

Choir Anthem

“O Holy Night”

Adam

The Holy Gospel Part I Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

Hymn

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Hymn 358
Stanzas 1-3

The Holy Gospel Part II Luke 2:8-14

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And 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!"

Hymn

"Go Tell It on The Mountain"

Hymn 388

The Holy Gospel Part III Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Choir Anthems

"Glory to God"

Kessel

"Were You There on That Christmas Night"

Sleeth

Sermon

Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Hymn 367

Nicene Creed (*Page 158*)

Prayers (*Page 159*)

Offering

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This?"

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The king of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*Page 160*)

Sanctus

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Hymn 386
Stanzas 1 and 4

The Words of Our Lord

The Lord's Prayer (*Back cover of Service Book*)

Distribution

(Our Communion Practice is printed on the insert.)

Hymn during the Distribution

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 380

Dismissal

The Candle Lighting Ceremony (*All stand*)

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Candle Lighting Procedure:

1. An Elder lights a candle from the Altar to signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.
2. Please tip your unlit candle to receive a flame from the Elders tapir or the lit candle next to you.

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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

(When the pastor extinguishes his candle, everyone is to extinguish his or her candle by cupping your hand around the flame and carefully blowing out the candle. As you leave, please place your candle on the table in the narthex or the table next to the church office.)

Benediction

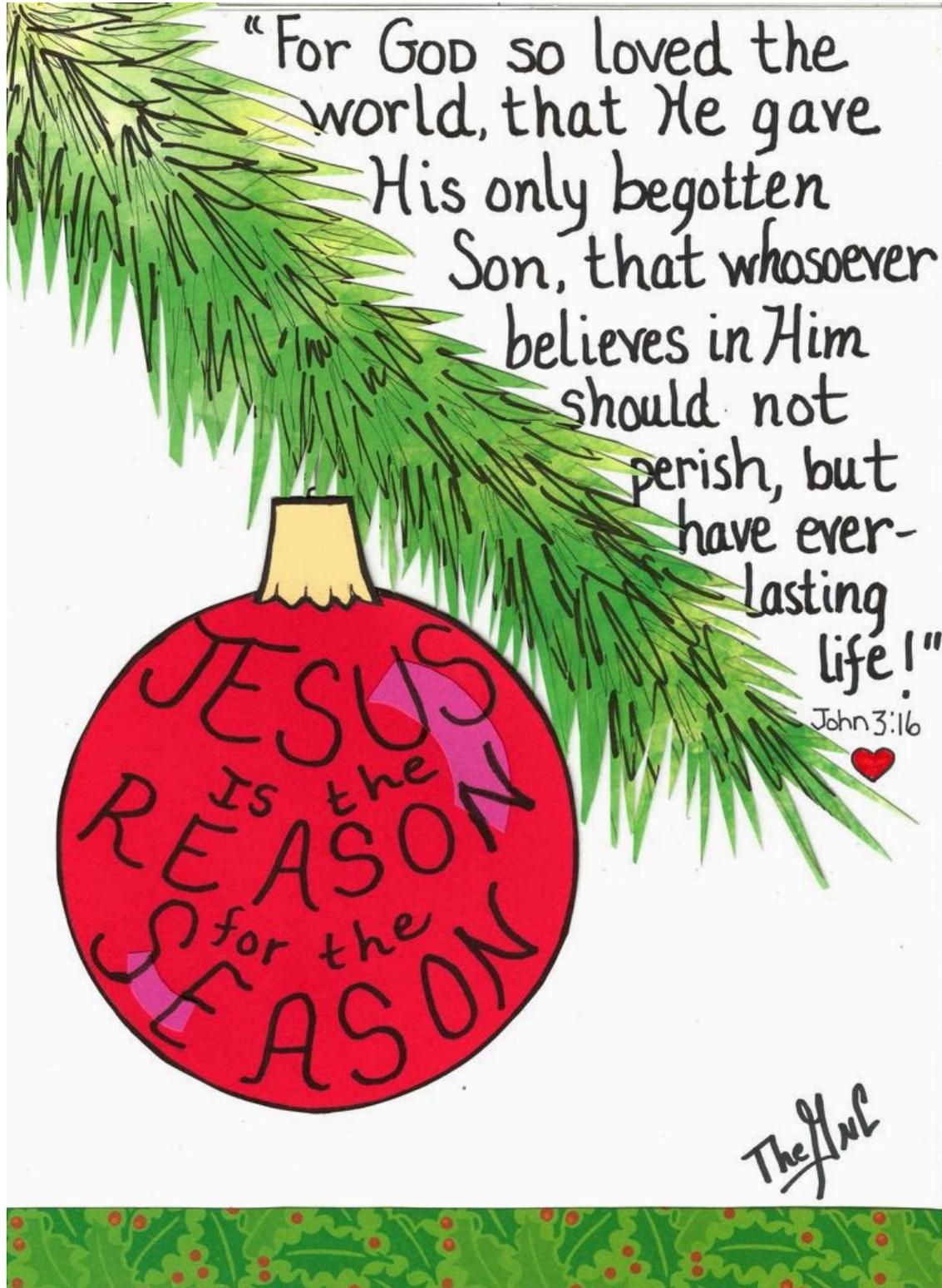
Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Hymn 387

+ To God Alone be Glory +





**The following people have placed
poinsettias in the chancel in thanksgiving
for the gift of God's Son, Jesus.**

Bill & Judy Buchanan

In memory of their loved ones and also in thankfulness for God's abundant blessings

Family of Erv Beyersdorf

In memory of Uncle Ervin

Pat Fritz

In memory of her parents, Virginia and Joseph Fritz and also in thanksgiving for God's blessings

Tom & Bonnie Gammerath

In memory of their dad, Al and grandmother Leona, and also for celebration of family and thankful for God's blessings

Judy Holloway

In memory of her husband, Jack

John Hupp

In memory of his loved ones

Marion Kunert

In memory of her loved ones

Diana Lundak

In memory of her loved ones and friends and also in
thankfulness for blessings received



Lundgren Family

In memory of their parents, Lynn Lundgren and Allen Lundgren

Sue Riske

In memory of her parents, Betty and Norman Riske, and also in
thanksgiving for God's blessings

Jerry & Lorraine Roy

In memory of Esther and Rudy Jankowsky, and Jacqueline and
Magella Roy

Sally Sykes

In thanksgiving for God's blessings

Ron Varty

In memory of his parents, Gaylord and Leona Varty, and also in memory of his grandparents

Carol Vietzke

In memory her loved ones, and for God's blessings received

Daryl & Lucie Witte

In memory of their parents

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS the following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship:

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, De'Borah and Jessie Jackson, Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker

Among our friends and families:

Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Astalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astalos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Harrison McNally, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, and Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

We also pray for:

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Tyrell Jones), firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the city of Detroit.

**Serving Christ and
His People Tonight**

Worship Leader: Rev. Richard Robinson
Organist & Cantor: Daryl Witte
Elders: Adam Kurtz, Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Bill Buchanan
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, you should first speak to pastor.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion today and wish to come to the altar rail for a blessing, we ask that you cross your arms at the rail. During the distribution of Communion, you are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns, and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Those who have any concerns or questions are invited to speak with the pastor prior to or following the service.