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Christmas Day



Luke 2: 11

"to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

*** Greeting**

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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: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

C: Amen.

Lessons and Carols

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

*** Carol**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW#283

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice,
rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Carol “Angels From The Realms of Glory”

ELW #275

Lesson 1: Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

¹¹The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹²They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD“; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

Carol “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW #288

Lesson 2: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Carol

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

ELW #290

Lesson 3: Hebrews 1:1-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.”

⁸But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

Carol

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

ELW #295

Lesson 4: Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Carol

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW #276

Lesson 5: Luke 2:1--20

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

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

* Carol

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

* Apostles’ Creed

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann,
Willie Kayser, Rene’, Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Connor
Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Ni-
cole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Chris-
tian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie,
Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail,
Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman,
Vera Kempel, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Betty Tina D.,
Howard D., Christine, and Michelle*

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Lord's Prayer

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P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

* Blessing

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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,
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* Carol

“The First Noel”

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* Dismissal

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P: Go in peace. Christ the Savior is born.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tena Rackow



Poinsettia's given ...

By Eleanor Stadler in memory of Catherine & Glen Wire, Ira & Nelda Wire.

By Sue Rush in memory of Eugene, Ethel & Brad Boeger.

By Kristy, Anna & Taylor Patterson in memory of Parents, Mothers, Fathers, Mom's and Dad's, Mommies and Daddies, Aunts & Uncles and all who made us feel love like we are theirs.

By The Derr family in memory of Bill and Laura Derr.

By Karen Niemeier in memory of family and friends.

By Shirley Fox in memory of Paul Fox, Wade Flack, Dale Isley and loved ones.

By Sue Diddens in memory of Ruth & Earl Watson and Virgil & Lucille Diddens.

By Beth & Jerry Martin in memory of Joyce & Oscar Tessororf and Cletus & Phyllis Martin.

By Willie Kayser and Kathy Clay in memory of Esther Kayser and Michael Kayser.

By Jon and Ashley Kurth & Family in memory of Harold & Edith Kurth, and Earl & Pauline Hailman.

By Donna Gullickson in memory of our loved ones.

By Troy & Sheila Keene in memory of our Grandparents.

By Coral Mosbo in memory of our loved ones.