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St. John's Lutheran Church and Preschool
Christmas Carol and Bell Candlelight Worship December 24, 2020
The Nativity of Our Lord

Greeting:

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: I will tell of the decree

C: the Lord said to me, "You are My Son; Today I have begotten You."

LSB 379 "O Come All Ye Faithful" with bells vss 1&3 *(Sing along muted)*

(Refrain) **O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,**

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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1. "O Come All ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him Born the king of angles: (Refrain)

2. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

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3. Sing, Choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: (Refrain)

4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Service of Light

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 illumine Your Church

Psalm 141 *(spoken muted in time with music background)*

C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.

C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

L1: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

C: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evil doers.

L2: But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

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. Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P Let us pray: May our Christmas worship be acceptable before you O Lord on this joyous Christmas Eve. Enter into our hearts and lives as our Lord of lords and King of kings. Happy Birthday Brother, Savior and God of Mercy, Joy, Forgiveness and Peace.

L1 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.

INTROIT:

P I will tell of the decree:

C the Lord said to me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

L1 The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,

C the world in those who dwell therein.

L2 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

C And who shall stand in His holy place?

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

L1 He will receive blessing from the Lord

C and righteousness from the God of His salvation.

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 I will tell of the decree:

C the Lord said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

Hymn of Praise LSB Hymn 380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (*Sing along muted*)

(Refrain) Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

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1. 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!” (*Refrain*):

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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 God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! (*Refrain*):

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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 (*Refrain*)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you O God,

C: and also with you.

L1 Let us pray.

All: 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. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall be called His Name Immanuel.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (Is. 9:6; Ps. 98: 1a) *(spoken in unison)*

**To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulders.
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!**

Epistle lesson: 1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God, if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord*

C: Thanks be to God!

LSB Hymn 370 “What Child Is This” *(Sing along muted)*

**!!!! 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!**

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**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, spears shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**!!!! 3. 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**

Verse: Matt.1:21 (*spoken in unison*)

Alleluia. She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory be to Thee O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinus 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 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!" ¹⁵ When 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." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning the Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

LSB Hymn: LSB 364 "Away In a Manger"

**!!!! 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love
Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**!!!! 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.**

Children's Lesson: "Your Best Christmas Gift"

LSB Hymn 363 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**!!!! 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'n-ly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

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**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.**

Sermon: "He Makes It All True for You"

Creed: The Nicene Creed

**C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very
God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

Prayer Hymn LSB 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"

(Refrain) **Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

- 1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. *(refrain)***
- 2. I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working To make me free. *(Refrain)***
- 3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *(Refrain)***
- 4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer, Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *(Refrain)***
- 5. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You All my life long. *(Refrain)***

Christmas Prayers of the Church P: Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

L₁: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L2: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L1: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L2: For President Harrison and President Schlechte, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, for our teachers, staff and students and their parents, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L1: For President Trump and President Elect Biden, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L2: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

L1: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present and those on line both by phone and computer who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L2: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L1: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, pandemic, & need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L2: For those who are isolated from or mourn the loss of love ones or are in physical or mental and emotional need; and all who are suffering addiction or the ravages of war and famine:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful, who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: Alleluia!

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C: To You, O Lord

Collect for Peace

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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 Offering: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our ministry by sending your offering to:
St. John's Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT. 84111)

In the House of the Lord, the offering is taken for partnership with God in His ministry to our community through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send your offering to the above address.

Christmas Blessing/Benediction:

P: To us this day was born in the city of David our Savior, Jesus the Christ, the Lord our God.

May His love shine upon you, strengthen you in all adversity, and may His Spirit work faith in you to trust His mighty work of salvation and to accept Him as your Lord and Savior. May the mighty God, Father, (+) Son and Holy Spirit be with you this Christmas Eve, and keep you always in faith and love that kindles in you a burning, blazing hope for His return. Until His return we have His promise: I will be with you always even to the end of the Age.

C: Amen!

Closing Hymn LSB 887 "Now the Light Has Gone Away"

1. Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray, Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.
2. Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today; Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
3. Let my near and dear one be Always near and dear to Thee; O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.
4. Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live. All my blessings come
from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. December 25 Christmas Morning Worship 10 AM
2. December 27 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship 10 AM
3. January 1, 2021 New Years Morning Worship 10 AM
4. January 3, 2021 First Bible Study of the New Year, 10 AM on Zoom. All are invited.
5. Please keep our shut-ins, sick / injured and elderly in your prayers. Please include: Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau. Maurine Rathje and Paul Chuol recovering from Covid 19.
6. Rsvp for communion. 385-234-1931 call or text also email rev.dr.hankmalone@gmail.com. Please come to the front door of the church when attending in person. Are limit is 10 people.