

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)

DECEMBER 24, 2025
7:00 PM

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord of Lords, as You promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. I marvel at all that Your Word proclaims about the baby Jesus. I give You thanks and will rejoice over Your Son with all who look forward to the redemption of Your people. Amen. (from Luke 2:29-38)

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Behold Christ lying in the lap of his young mother, still a virgin. What can be sweeter than the Babe, what more lovely than the mother! What fairer than her youth! What more gracious than her virginity! Look at the Child, knowing nothing. Yet all that is belongs to him, that your conscience should not fear but take comfort in him. Doubt nothing. Watch him springing in the lap of the maiden. Laugh with him. Look upon this Lord of Peace and your spirit will be at peace. See how God invites you in many ways. He places before you a babe with whom you may take refuge. You cannot fear him, for nothing is more appealing to man than a babe. Are you affrighted? Then come to him, lying in the lap of the fairest and sweetest maid. You will see how great is the divine goodness, which seeks above all else that you should not despair. Trust him! Trust him! Here is the Child in whom is salvation. To me there is no greater consolation given to mankind than this, that Christ became a man, a child, a babe, playing in the lap and at the breasts of his most gracious mother. Who is there whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell, conscience, and guilt, if you come to judge this gurgling Babe and believe that he is come, not to judge you, but to save.

Martin Luther's Christmas Book

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS OPENING VERSE

(Galatians 4:4-5)

Pastor: When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman,

Cong.: born under the Law, to redeem those under the Law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

HYMN

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” [LSB hymn 376]



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

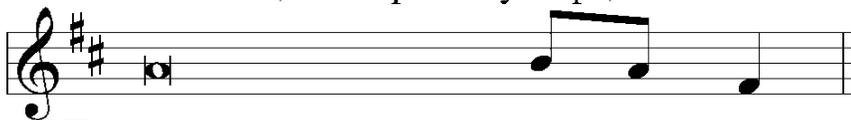
✠ SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS ✠

VESPERS

Stand



L O Lord, o-pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ, Al - le - lu ia.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong.: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Cong.: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

Cong.: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day; To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel, This blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn; The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn. Refrain

From God our heav'nly Father A blessed angel came; And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name. Refrain

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

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

HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway” [LSB hymn 343]



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Reading: Psalm 110:1-4 *antiphon* Psalm 110:2

The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek."
The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

HYMN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" [LSB hymn 359]



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 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.

HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” [LSB hymn 356]



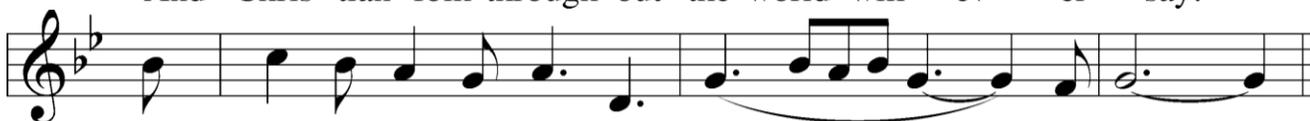
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

HYMN "What Child Is This?" [LSB hymn 370]



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Angel Tidings”

Arr. Sandra Eithun

SERMON

(Pastor Jeong)

OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Joy to the World”

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n 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, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, 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, Far as the curse is found, Far as, 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, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.*

Stand

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, by the incarnation of Your eternal Son, You revealed that You are love. Give us true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are Yours. Fill us with joy, and lead us to proclaim Your glad tidings to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, by the gift of Your Holy Spirit we testify that Your Son is the Savior of the world. Pour out Your Spirit continually upon Your people. Bless pastors as they proclaim Jesus who became flesh to save us by dying and rising again, and open our mouths to praise the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember all families, Lord. Make each household a place of prayer and devotion to Your Word. Bless parents of young children with patience. Give comfort to the childless. Abide with the fatherless, widows and orphans, the lonely, and those separated from their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: King of Israel, the One born in Bethlehem is the Son of David and the Lord of David, to whom every knee shall bow. Look upon those You have placed in authority, and grant that they would govern in wisdom and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, in the birth of Your Son You have visited and redeemed Your people. Continue to visit those who are lonely, sick, recovering or near death *including* Let Your presence be a comfort to them, and give them perseverance until that time You grant healing, relief, deliverance and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember the bereaved, O Lord. Give comfort to all who grieve this night, that they might find, through the celebration of our Lord's nativity, hope in the midst of sorrow, knowing that Christ was born to conquer death and give eternal life to all believers. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your own Son, whom You have made known to us in the mystery of the Word made flesh, who has fulfilled all the Law and the prophets and delivered us to You as Your own people through the blood of the everlasting covenant, that we may do what is good and right and pleasing in Your sight. To You be all glory and honor, worship and praise, now and forevermore.

Cong: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Pastor: 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 His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High” [LSB hymn 368]



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Luke 2:29-32)

POSTLUDE

CHRISTMAS AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service	11:00 PM
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, December 28	1 st Sunday after Christmas Matins Christian Education for all ages	8 & 11 AM 9:30 AM

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE THIS NIGHT

Acolyte: Daegan Collett
Elder/Reader/Usher: Reinhard Stenzel
Organist: Matthew Laub
Pianist: Beth Hansen
Music: Sanctuary Choir, Celestial Ringers



Petal Pushers Decorating

Our time is Monday, December 29th from 4:00-11:00 PM
We will meet at the church at 3:00 PM and carpool. We have extra sweatshirts to use if you need one. If you want to attend, please contact Pastor Tom Miller at tmiller@redeemer-lutheran.net.

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Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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