

Have a Blessed, Merry Christmas!

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament **by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ** with the people of this community and the world.*



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A SAVIOR IS BORN

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship on this special night! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word, offering our prayers and praises as we celebrate the birth of His Son as our Savior!

SERVICE NOTES

A Savior is born. “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *Savior*. It says as much about us as it does about the Child born in Bethlehem. If someone needs saving, it means that this person is totally helpless and lost without outside intervention. That’s who we were in the sight of God: helpless, lost, and doomed. So, He sent His only Son to be our Savior. And His birth changes everything!

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

Guests and visitors, thank you for joining us today! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

There is a Parents’ Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. *Make sure that you received your candle from one of the ushers.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Rod Meves
Ushers	Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Erik Van Kampen
Altar Guild	Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the choir and our organist for all of the special music that was heard this evening!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Thank you to all who donated Christmas poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- Jay and Jill Brown
- Brian and Julie Busse
- Donna Carter
- Dave and Jeanette Diestler
- Sharon Dunbar
- Sue Engberg
- Sandra Gillaume
- John and Lori Greenwood
- Charles and Barb Hartwig
- Janet and Phil Heuser
- Allen and Janice Johnson
- Ardis Junco
- Marilyn Lietzke
- Joseph Massie
- Rick and Barb Schnese
- Terri Tilkens
- Sandra VanderHeyden
- Eileen Vanderstappen - In Memory of: Frank Vanderstappen, Wayne and Vera Roth and Patricia Roth
- Sue Wallenfang

AFTER EXTINGUISHING YOUR CANDLES, please place them in the empty boxes as you leave.

WE INVITE YOU to our full **Christmas Festival Service** tomorrow morning at **9:00 a.m.** *Worship Christ the newborn King!*

*As the choir sings, the ushers shall proceed down the aisle lighting the candles
of those seated on the center aisle. Once your candle is lit, you may use your candle
to light the candle of the person sitting next to you. Candles will remain lit until after the Blessing.
The Choir will sing verse one of Silent Night; the congregation will sing verses 2 and 3.*

CAROL

*Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all,
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace
on earth.*

*Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all,
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace
on earth.*

*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.*

BLESSING

M: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon
you and remain with you always.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING CHIMES

*You may be seated.
At this time you may extinguish your candles.*

Peace, Peace/Silent Night, Holy Night

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!

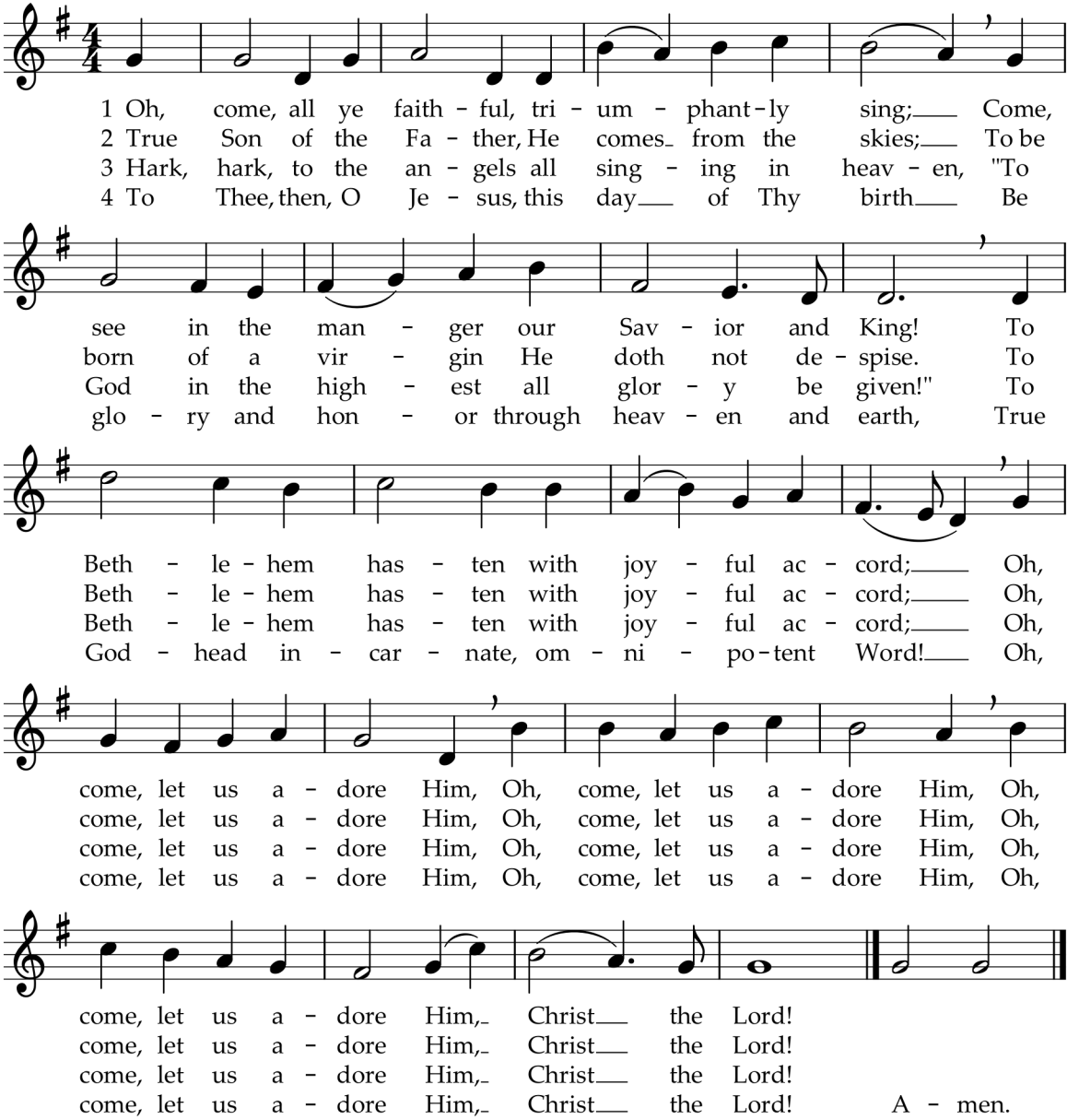
Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

OPENING CHIMES & WELCOME

HYMN

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful | TLH #102



Please stand.

INVOCATION & RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE (*Psalms 96*)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Sing to the LORD a new song;

C: **Sing to the LORD a new song.**

M: Sing to the LORD, praise His name;

C: **Proclaim His salvation day after day.**

M: Declare His glory among the nation, His marvelous deeds among the peoples.

C: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness;**

tremble before Him all the earth.

M: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

C: **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.**

M: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

for He comes to judge the world in righteousness

C: **And the peoples in His truth.**

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.**

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that Light, we may also behold Him in glory in the life to come; through Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

You may be seated.

Refrain

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SERMON - Luke 2:8-14

A Savior Is Born

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

M: When all was still and it was midnight, Your eternal Word, O Lord, descended from the almighty throne to dwell among us. May we receive Him in the peace of forgiven hearts and proclaim Your gracious goodwill to all people on earth, for He is God with us, Emmanuel, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ALL: **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.**

EIGHTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

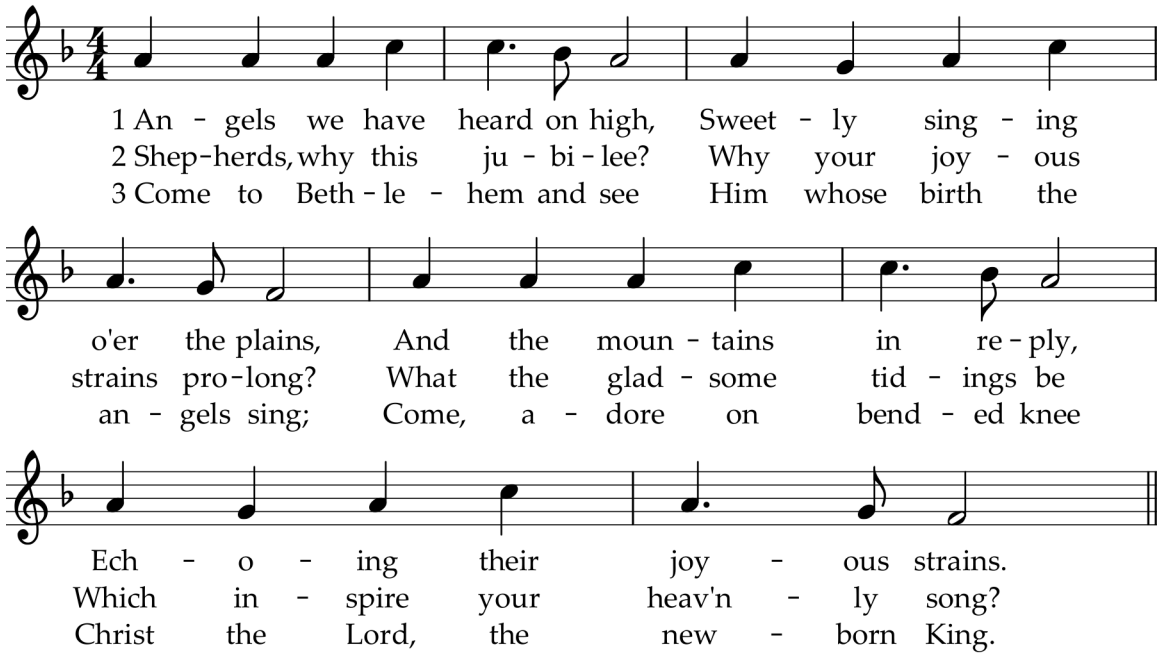
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply,
strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's head.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

CAROL

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord | TLH #91:1-2, 8-9

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who hath truly kept His word
And the sinners' Help and Friend
Now at last to us doth send.

2. What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
8. Bruise for me the Serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cleave to Thee in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

9. And when Thou dost come again
As a glorious King to reign,
I with joy may see Thy face,
Freely ransomed by Thy grace. A-men.

SECOND LESSON: GENESIS 22:15-18

In Abraham’s seed, all nations shall be blessed.

Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶ and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— ¹⁷ "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

CAROL (CHOIR)

The Snow Lay on the Ground

1 *The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone
bright,
When Christ the Lord was born on Christmas
night.*

*Venite, adoremus Dominum;
Venite, adoremus Dominum.
(Come, let us adore the Lord)*

*Refrain:
Venite, adoremus Dominum;
Venite, adoremus Dominum.*

2 *’Twas Mary, virgin pure, by God’s great plan,
That brought into this world the God made man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The sheep and oxen shared the room with them.
[Refrain]*

3 *And Joseph, too, was by to tend the Child,
To guard him, and protect his mother mild.
The angels hovered round, and sang this song:
Venite, adoremus Dominum. [Refrain]*

4 *And thus that manger poor became a throne,
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heav’nly host,
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
[Refrain]*

THIRD LESSON: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light!

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined...
⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

SEVENTH LESSON: LUKE 2:8-20

The shepherds visit the manger.

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!"

¹⁵ 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.

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. 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.

CAROL (CHOIR)

Glory to God, the Angels Sing

1 *Low in a humble manger,
Little Lord Jesus lay,
Watched by the virgin mother,
There on a bed of hay;
Keeping her loving vigil,
Far from the worldly throngs,
When through the night came ringing
Glorious angel songs: [Refrain]*

*Refrain:
Glory to God, the angels sing,
Praises to Christ, the newborn King,
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
Hear we the angels sing again,
Glory to God, the angels sing;
Praises to Christ, the newborn King,
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men,
goodwill to men.*

2 *Little the loving mother,
Dreamed of its meaning then,
How He should die on Calvary,
Die for the sins of men.
Down through the weary ages,
Out from that manger bed,
Streams all the light of heaven,
Soon o’er the world to spread.
[Refrain]*

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem | **TLH #647 v. 1, 3-4**

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears Of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

4 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! Amen.

3 How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will Receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.



⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | **TLH #94:1,3**

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

3 Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n 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!" A-men.

FOURTH LESSON: MICAH 5:2-4

Out of Bethlehem the promised King will come.

" But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
³ Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.
⁴ And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;
And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

CAROL (CHOIR)

Once in Royal David’s City

1 Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

3 But our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heav’n above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned,
All in white, his praise will sound.

FIFTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary.

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God....

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We (Choir: v. 1; Congregation: v. 2-4)

1 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
And come Your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind
That we the way to You may find.

3 Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord,
And to us all Your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart
That we may hold You in our heart,

2 With songs we hasten You to greet
And humbly fall before Your feet.
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night
That gave You birth, our souls' delight.

4 Until at last we, too, proclaim,
With all Your saints, Your glorious name;
In paradise our songs renew
And praise You as the angels do.

SIXTH LESSON: MATTHEW 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.