

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Children's Christmas Service**



**December 22, 2019  
10:30 a.m.**



## Children's Christmas Service

### A Note Regarding Photographs

Because this church service is not a mere program or performance but an opportunity to worship, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video during the service. You are invited to take photographs after the service.

### Baptism of Juliet Eve Jacobs



**837 Lift High the Cross vs. 1, 2**

**Rite of Holy Baptism – LSB page 268**

**837 Lift High the Cross vs. 3-6**

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.



### Readings

#### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10–17

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the seventh chapter.

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. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle: Romans 1:1–7**

**P** The Epistle is from Romans, the first chapter.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Sermon

### "The Gift"

Text: See the Epistle Reading

## **OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL -- LSB 379**

Children sing verses 1, 3, and Latin

**Congregation sings verses 2 and 4**

- 2) Highest, most holy,  
Light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin,  
A mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 4) Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## ***The Promise***

### **OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN – TUNE LSB 384**

Children sing verses 1, 2, and 4

**Congregation sings verses 3 and 5**

**3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.**

**△ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.**





### ***The Angel Tells Mary***

#### **ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY – TUNE LSB 376**

Children sing verses 1 and 2

**Congregation sings verses 3 and 4**

**3) But our eyes in truth should see him  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
As he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.**

**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!**



### ***The Angel Tells Joseph***

#### **INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY**



### ***The Birth of the Savior***

#### **AWAY IN A MANGER**



## ***Angels Tell the Shepherds***

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

## ***Shepherds Go to Bethlehem***

OH, COME, LITTLE CHILDREN



## ***Wise Men Worship the Savior***

JOY TO THE WORLD – LSB 387

Children sing verses 1 and 3

**Congregation sings verses 2 and 4**

- 2) 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.
  
- 4) 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.



## ***Flight to Egypt***

## **LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE – LSB 390**

Children sing verses 1, 2, and 3

**Congregation sings verse 4**

- 4) Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,  
Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year.  
Amen, Jesus, hear us!**

## **Prayers**

## **Benediction**



## **SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT - LSB 363**

Children sing verse 1 in English and German

**Congregation sings verses 2 and 3**

- 2) Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**
- 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.**



***Soli Deo Gloria!***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*