

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Children's Christmas Service



**December 18, 2022
8 a.m.**



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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.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** 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 Sign: Immanuel"

Text: Isaiah 7:10-17

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.)

Announcements



Assisting Elders:
8 a.m. – Steve White
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 24	7 p.m.
Christmas Day Sunday, December 25	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.



If you wish to beautify the Lord's sanctuary this Christmas season with a beautiful 6-inch poinsettia, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by, **TODAY**, Sunday, December 18. The cost is \$10 per plant. If you wish to purchase one in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please note that next to your name.

Please make checks payable to Holy Cross, note "poinsettia" in the memo section, and place in the offering plate.

Plants can be taken home after either of the services on Sunday, December 25.

Portals of Prayer for January-March 2023 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!



*O Lord our God, before the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, before the need for either church or government, you instituted marriage as a holy estate, We ask that you bless the 50th wedding anniversary of **Kim** and **Marie McQuarrie** with the blessings you bestowed on our first parents. Amen.*

CANTO DEO 2022 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Get in the true spirit of Christmas with this choral concert with full orchestra. Canto Deo sings many favorite Christmas carols and music from around the world. This annual concert will be full of fun for the family with sing a-longs and music that will bring the heart of Christmas to the listener. The program this year celebrates favorites from composers and arrangers including Mack Wilberg, John Rutter, Dan Forrest, and many others. Don't forget to bring children so they can conduct the orchestra at the end of the concert!

Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E. Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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Complimentary tickets can be obtained from
Tom Kingham or online at CantoDeo.org.



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word, God teaches us **how** to pray, **what** to pray for, and what we can **expect** in prayer.



Health concerns:

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Kathy Harrington's sister, Barbara, in Hospice
- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris should officially be on heart transplant list soon
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Heavenly Father, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus is the Root and Offspring of David. Jesus is the Anointed One – the Christ – whom You had promised through Your holy prophets. Jesus, the stem of Jesse, has fulfilled and will fulfill their prophecies to the letter. We await the final fulfilling of those prophecies with eager expectation. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life December 18, 2022

“Unlike Christmas ornaments, each baby is a unique life never to be replicated in all of history. Each life brutally snuffed out by abortion will leave the world a lesser place for it.”

*Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*





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

Matthew 1:23

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!



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**The First Christmas
was delivered in a
manger, not a sleigh!**

