

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022
9:00 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

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 angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
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!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The prophet Zechariah foretold the coming of the promised King, who would bring salvation to his people: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he” (Zechariah 9:9).

People: **Jesus, you are our righteous King. Through your birth, life, death and resurrection, you have brought to us the gift of salvation.**

Pastor: The name we love, the name of Jesus, means “God saves” or “salvation.” An angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and said, “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

People: **Jesus our Lord, you came to save us. Hear our prayers and accept our praise as we rejoice today in your birth.**

Pastor: The apostle Peter, on trial for preaching the good news about Jesus, said, “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

People: **Jesus, you alone are the way of salvation.**

Pastor: The apostle Paul wrote about Jesus’ saving work: “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

People: **So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:8-11).**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live according to your Word and will. We do not walk in love as Jesus did. Even though we have received your gracious gift of salvation, we often hesitate to share the good news of Jesus with others. Forgive our sins and lead us by your Spirit to walk in your ways.**

Pastor: Today we celebrate the grace of God, revealed in the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among us to suffer, die and rise to bring us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. I

announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: We rejoice in the birth of Jesus our Lord! There is no other name by which we can be saved.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this joyful day we offer our thanks and praise for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among us to bring us salvation through his humble birth, his perfect life and his suffering, death and resurrection.

We confess Jesus as Lord and we love his holy name, the name by which we are saved. As we celebrate his birth, help us to walk in love as our Lord walked and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to share with others the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. Hear our prayers and accept our praise in his holy name.

People: Amen.

Hymn

What Child Is This

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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!

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

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthron Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:2-4

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the

Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn 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!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

- 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 Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
- 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Sermon Be Born In Us Today Bringing Salvation

The Offering

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Gracious Lord, on this day of your birth, there are those who are not able to rejoice and celebrate. Watch over all who are sick or suffering through grief and loss. Shield them with your mighty power and bring them comfort and hope through the promises of your Word. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

People: **Be born in us today. Lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to love and serve others in your name.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, through your birth, life, death and resurrection, you brought to us the gift of salvation. Through faith in your name, we live as children of light. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

People: Be born in us today. Help us to live according to your Word and will. Lead us to encourage and build one another up in faith.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, you are the Word made flesh. You came to bring us light and life. Through you we have received grace and truth. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

People: Be born in us today. You sent John to bear witness to you as the Lamb of God. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses to you, so that others will believe in you and receive the gift of salvation through faith in your holy name.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, on this day of your birth, hear our prayers and accept our praise.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
 The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
 She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
 With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
 The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
 From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.

Now Sing We All Rejoice

LSB 386

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that we have seen Your salvation in our Savior born this day, and in His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We implore You that of Your infinite love, mercy, and forgiveness, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, that we would share the gifts of grace and be the beautiful feet with the Good News of Christ the Savior born, in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Benediction

Pastor: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

People: **All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made ...**

Pastor: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: **Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-3, 14).**

Pastor: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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