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Christmas Eve



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Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen

Lois Schweinler, Choir Director

Duet, Mike & Bea Luecke

Michele Maloney, Trumpet

Robert Hamrick, Organist

Craig Escude, Cantor

Solo, Linda Licht

Zoe Christensen, Piano

Elders

Rudy Eidam

John Zagone

Lectors

Ushers

Greeter

Altar Guild



We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time. **To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.**

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Order of Vespers

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful (James Demessieux)

Robert Hamrick

Ave Maria

Zoe Christensen

Stand

Hymn

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful *sts. 1, ref, 2-3*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O

2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,

3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;

Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;

Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:

Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

P 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.

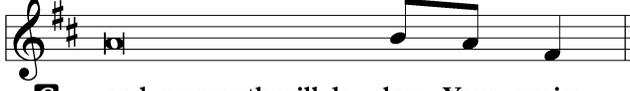
C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P 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.

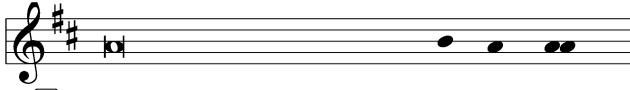
C And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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, King who comes to save us.

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Psalm

Psalm 98 Tone G



¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

²The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

⁵Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;*
the world and those who | dwell in it!

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹be- | fore the LORD,*
for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world with | righteousness,*
and the peoples with | equity.

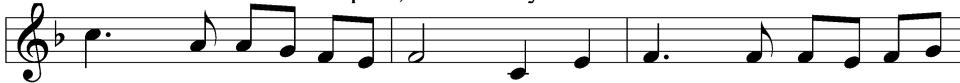
Sit

Hymn

376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

O Great I Am, Almighty Word

sts. 1, 5

1 O great I AM, al - might - y Word, Whose sav - ing
5 O Word In - car - nate, Christ of God, Par - tak - er

deeds were seen and heard A - mong Your peo - ple
of our flesh and blood, Be in our midst and

Is - ra - el, Come now to us, and ev - er dwell.
al - ways dwell As Sav - ior, Lord, Im - man - u - el.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Great I Am, Almighty Word'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a 4/4 time signature. The second staff has a 2/4 time signature for the first two measures, then returns to 4/4. The third staff has a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all

who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Sermon

Hymn

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Offering

Sit

Solo

One Small Child (David Meece)

Linda Licht

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P On this night when the darkness of sin and death are shattered by the dawn of Christ's light, let us pray with confidence on behalf of Christ's Church and all people as they have need.

Send Your Holy Spirit to Your people that filled with joy because You have kept Your Word and given us Your own Son to be our Savior, and enable us to trust in Him always and proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Bless Your Church with faithful preachers of this Gospel and faithful teachers of the faith. Raise up many for church work vocations, for service on the mission field, and as catechists to those new to the faith.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Show mercy to the nations and deliver us from war and terror. Encourage the leaders and the people to seek peace. Bless those in authority that they may serve the people with integrity and wisdom. Make us good citizens and good neighbors.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Heal the sick, relieve those who suffer, console the troubled, comfort the dying and those who grieve, and grant patience to everyone in their affliction that they may find hope in the mercy of God.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Give us faith to acknowledge the Lord's incarnation, worship Him in spirit and in truth, and offer praise and thanksgiving with a grateful heart.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Hear us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



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!

*Stand***Collect of the Day**

P O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

1004 Light the Candle

st. 5

(Christmas) Light the can-dle of CHRIST to-day, the Giv-er of light is here! Wel-come the light we grope and sigh for, but on-ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and glow with light, light up the world a-round you. Flick-er and flame and glow with light, light up the world a-round you.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. There are several fermatas (horizontal lines with a curved end) placed over the lyrics 'here!', 'give.', 'you.', and 'you.' to indicate where the music should pause. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Lighting of the Candles

- L** As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it symbolizes the light of Christ, a child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our light here on earth and the eternal light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice, for the light of the world has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His glory.

The pastor takes the light from the Christ candle and gives it to the acolytes and ushers. They pass the light on to the congregation. Lights are dimmed.

Hymn

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

sts. 1-3, 1g



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
 1 *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diantbeams from Thy ho - ly face
ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in himm - li - scher



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

The Congregation extinguishes their candles and exits the dimly-lit sanctuary in anticipation of the coming of our Lord.

Acknowledgments

Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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Thank you to everyone who came to help decorate the church.

Christmas Day Services

Services on Christmas Day will be at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

We hope everyone can join us.



New Year's Eve Service

7:00 PM Friday December 31st

After the Friday service on December 31, we invite you to stay and share some snacks and drinks. We will have some games and good conversation.

Where: Fellowship Hall at Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church

When: Following the 7:00 PM service

What: Fun and games with snacks and drinks

How: Sign-up sheet in Narthex to let us know you are coming. Please BYOB and any appetizers you want to share.