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**December 24 & 25, 2017 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Day-B**

Tonight is the beginning of the celebration we have been preparing for, **THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH**. For only in Him is there salvation, which is the Reformation cry, Solus Christus, that is that there is no longer salvation except in Christ Alone (Acts 4:12, 1 Timothy 2:5). But we are not alone, the LORD God has continued to come to His Creation and to His people through out the ages. He comes to welcome His prodigal children back home, as the father ran out to his prodigal son (Luke 15:20). He comes to His children who refuse to come in because they don't like what's going on in the church, just like the older son who refused to come into the house (Luke 15:28). Tonight we celebrate that God comes to us in our humanity, to be God for us, Jesus Christ born in a manger, Solus Christus, that is Christ Alone.

## SPECIAL NOTES FOR WORSHIP

**YOUR WORSHIP FOLDER** contains all four Christmas Services. 3:30pm, 5:30pm, and 8pm are the same. The 10am Christmas Day Service is a special communion service. If you will not be with us for the other services, use this folder for your own devotion time. If you do not plan to keep a copy of this service, please return it to the usher when you leave. The upcoming announcements are found in the back section.

**PLEASE CONSIDER THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE INCOMPLETE!** Its full conclusion is when we celebrate the comings of our Lord at 10am on Christmas Day through Word and Sacrament. The Good News of our Lord's birth certainly continues beyond this evening!

**VISITORS and GUESTS OF THE CONGREGATION:** We welcome you to this joyous celebration of God's love as seen in the birth of Jesus Christ. If are of our fellowship and desire to commune Christmas Day, follow the instructions for communion registration in the pew rack in

## Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Day - A

December 25, 2017

### Introit

For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.  
Oh 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.  
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.  
He 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.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\*  
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*  
for he has done | marvelous things!

### Verse

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

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December 25, 2017-10am

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3. No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
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.

**THE POSTLUDE**

**VISITORS**, if you do not have a church home, you are welcome to consider us. Please let us know by noting your wishes on the Friendship Register, telling a member or the pastor as you leave, so that we may help you and give the information you need.

Merry CHRISTmas!

We thank the Lord for all those who blessed our worship with music, including our musicians:

**Pianist:** Jodi Pierce

**Jubilate Choir** & other singers, such as Addie Rossow, Dan and Annelise Hammer and the Jahnke family.

**Director, Accompanist and Organist:** Susan Jahnke

**Woodwinds:** Ashley Johnson, Jenna Johnson and Joslyn Pierce.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>December 25</b> | <b>10am Christmas Day Festival Communion Service</b>  |
| <b>December 31</b> | <b>10am Service Only - Worship &amp; Holy Communion (No Bible Class or Sunday School).</b>      |
| <b>January 3</b>   | <b>Regular Confirmation, Choir and Brass Choir Schedules resume</b>                             |
| <b>January 7</b>   | <b>Sunday Worship at 8am &amp; 10:45am<br/>Sunday School and Bibles Classes resume as well.</b> |

**No Midweek worship until Lent or Thursday worship after Palm Sunday.**

front of you or in your worship folder. If you are a baptized guest and not of our fellowship you may come for a baptismal blessing.

**THE CANDLES**-You will receive them during the offering. PLEASE DO NOT TIP A LIGHTED CANDLE! Only tip your unlighted as the light is passed to you.

**YOUR OFFERING**-In thanks for the Lord's blessings and mercy, you may bring your offering up to the front to lay it in the manger. You will be ushered up the center aisle in two rows. Place your offering in the manger and pick up your candle as you return to your seat. A child may enjoy putting the offering in the cradle. Please return to your seat down the side aisles.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**THE PRELUDE: Lighting of the Wreath, Altar & Christ Candles**

**THE BELL, THE PEACE, EXPLANATION OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERING & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

LW #41/LSB #379

1. Oh, come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

**Refrain:** Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God In the highest!

**Refrain**

STAND

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**THE VERSICLES & INVITATORY**

**P:** Lord, open my lips;

**C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: To us the Savior is born.

**C: Come, let us worship Him.**

### THE CONFESSION

P: To confess our sin is to speak the truth about our lives. We are not worthy to come into God's presence or to be with Him because of our own sin and the sin of our first parents. Yet He comes to us as He came to our first parents in the Garden. He comes to us as He came in the manger. He comes to us as He came on that first Palm Sunday to the temple in Jerusalem. He comes to us in, with and under bread and wine to have a Holy Communion. He comes to us again and again, so that our Hosanna prayer, "Lord, save us," is fulfilled when He comes on that last judgment day. In the Psalms David wrote, "I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin'." (*Pastor kneels*) We confess our sin....

**C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy NAME.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P: Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen!**

### THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray....O, God, because you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of the Light here on earth may come to the full measure

P: Remember us in Your kingdom and help us to pray....

**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!**

P: "You are the light of the world....Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."  
*Matthew 5:14,16*

### THE BLESSING

P: The grace of the new born King, Jesus + Christ, who came for our salvation, and the love of God the Heavenly Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: AMEN! CHRIST IS BORN FOR US, ALLELUIA!**

*Candles are extinguished and lights brightened. Please place your candles in the box in the narthex as you are ushered out.*

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

**"Joy to the World"**

Tune: LW #53/LSB #387

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

[Isaiah 9:2 and 60:1]

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. [John 8:12]

*The pastor gives light to the ushers at the front of the altar.  
They, in turn give light to the first worshipers in each row,  
who will pass it on to the others in that row. DO NOT TILT  
A LIGHTED CANDLE!!!*

### THE CANDLELIGHT SONG

### "Silent Night"

Tune: LW #68/LSB #363 with strings

1. 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.
2. 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!
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

STAND

### THE CANDLELIGHT PRAYERS

P: O Almighty God, You have made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the true light of the World. Grant us to know now the true meaning and mystery of His coming and birth, so we may also have the fullness of His eternal joys in heaven, where He now lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN! GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!**

of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen!**

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### A SONG OF ANTICIPATION

### "I am So Glad"

LW #56

**3:30pm & 8pm-Congregation, 5:30pm-Choir**

1. I am so glad when Christmas comes, the night of Jesus' birth,  
When Bethlehem's star shone as the sun, and angels sang with mirth.
2. The little child of Bethlehem, the King of heav'nly grace,  
Came down from His exalted throne, to save our fallen race.
3. He's now returned to heav'n above, God's Son He is always;  
He ne'er forgets His little ones, but hears them when they pray.
4. I too would sing my Savior's praise, my joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For He has made me His own child, by Water and the Word.
5. I love this precious Christmas eve, and my dear Savior mild,  
And I shall not forget the truth: He loves me as His child.
6. I am so glad when Christmas comes; let anthems fill the air!  
He opens wide for every child, His paradise so fair.

### GOD COMES TO HIS FIRST PRODIGALS

**Genesis 3:8-15**

### A SONG OF RESPONSE

### "Let All Together Praise Our God"

Tune: LW #44/LSB #389:1, 6

1. Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne:  
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
6. He is the Key and He the door To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.

### GOD COMES IN JUDGEMENT

**Genesis 11:1-9**

**A SONG OF RESPONSE****“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Tune: LSB #357:7 &amp; 5

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**THE ANGEL OF THE LORD COMES WITH GOOD NEWS****Genesis 22:13-18a****A SONG OF RESPONSE****“Let All Together Praise”**

Tune: LSB #389:4 &amp; 7

4. He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory, and  
His name.
7. Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You  
evermore.

**THE LORD IS COMING AFTER HIS MESSENGER** Malachi 3:1-4**A SONG OF RESPONSE****“Once He Came in Blessing”**

Tune: LSB #333:3 &amp; 4

3. Soon will come that hour When with mighty power Christ will come in  
splendor  
And will judgment render, With the faithful sharing Joy beyond  
comparing.
4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us. Keep our hearts  
believing,  
That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless  
You.

**HOW IS THE LORD GOD COMING?****Isaiah 11:1-9**

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 God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
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 we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**RESPONSE #3****"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

Tune: LW #50/LSB #367

1. Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight  
o'er all the earth; Once you sang creation's story;  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**REFRAIN: Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light.

**REFRAIN**

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations, You have seen his natal star.

**REFRAIN**

4. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One.

**REFRAIN****THE SERVICE OF LIGHT AND SONG****THE CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

*The pastor lights his candle from the altar candle, which  
symbolizes CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.*

## OUR OFFERINGS AND SONGS OF RESPONSE

*Our gifts and songs acknowledge with joy the birth of Him who is our Savior. Through them, we signify the giving of ourselves and our trust fully. Through these gifts we and others will continue to hear the joy of Jesus. You will be ushered up the center aisle in two rows. Place your offering in the manger and pick up your candle as you return to your seat. A child may enjoy putting the offering in the cradle. Please return to your seat down the side aisles. We listen & sing as the offerings are brought up:*

### RESPONSE #1                    3:30pm - "O Holy Night" solo by Addie Rossow 5:30pm & 8pm - "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LW #47/ LSB #386

1. Now sing we, now rejoice With heart and soul and voice.  
Life's most precious treasure Here poor in manger lies;  
He brings purer pleasure Than sunlight from the skies.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. God's Son, come from above, Your grace and saving love  
To my spirit bringing, O pure and holy Child,  
Fill my heart with singing For grace so great and mild.  
Draw me, Lord to you! Draw me, Lord to you!
3. We see God's love divine For us in Jesus shine.  
Guilt of sin had taught us But death and misery;  
Then our Ransom bought us God's bright eternity.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!
4. Where is that place so fair? Oh, nowhere else but there  
Where the angel voices With God's redeemed unite,  
Awed that he rejoices To share his joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

### RESPONSE #2                    "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Tune: LW #49/LSB #380

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## A SONG OF RESPONSE

### "Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

Tune: TLH #645:1, LW #67:2-3 or #51/LSB #359

1. Behold, a branch is growing, Of loveliest form and grace;  
As prophets sung foreknowing: It springs from Jesse's race  
And bears one little Flow'r In midst of coldest of winter At deepest  
midnight hour.
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 men 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 everywhere.  
True Man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens  
every load.

## HE COMES BY WORD, BY SPIRIT IN A HUMAN VIRGIN

**Luke 1:26-38**

## A SONG OF RESPONSE

### "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Tune: LSB #383:1, 2 or LW #67

1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!  
Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all  
the earth!"
2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.  
Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all  
the earth!"

## THE BIRTH OF THE ONE WHO ANNOUNCES HIS COMING

**Luke 1:57-79**

## A HYMN OF RESPONSE

### "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Tune: LSB #347:3, 4

3. Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4. Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.  
 Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.  
 For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
 And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

**HIS COMING IS REVEALED TO JOSEPH** **Matthew 1:18–25a**

**A SONG OF RESPONSE** **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Tune: LW #60/LSB #361

- 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 dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
 So God imparts to human hearts The blessing 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.
- 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!

**JESUS HAS COME** **Luke 2:1–7**

**A SONG OF RESPONSE** **5:30-Choir** **"Still, Still, Still"**  
**3:30 & 8pm-Congregation** **"What Child Is This?"**

Tune: LW #61/LSB #370

- 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!

**JESUS' COMING IS MADE KNOWN TO LOWLY SHEPHERDS**

**Luke 2:8–16**

**A SONG OF RESPONSE**

**"Away in a Manger"**

Tune: Traditional-AGPS #67/LSB #364 & Non LSB#365/LW #64

- Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
 And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
 And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

**JESUS' COMING BRINGS JOY TO LOWLY SHEPHERDS**

**Luke 2:16–20**

**A SONG OF RESPONSE** **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Tune: LW #55

- Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

**REFRAIN:** Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?

**REFRAIN**

- Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn king.

**REFRAIN**

**IN SUMMARY: HE HAS COME FULL OF TRUTH AND GRACE**

**John 1:1–18**