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**December 24 & 25, 2018 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Day-C**

Tonight is the beginning of the celebration we have been preparing for, **THE** Christmas Eve is the beginning of the celebration we have been preparing for, **THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH**. Our Christmas celebration is not separate from the reality of our faith in Jesus, who was made lower than angels and yet remains God. The One who tasted death for us on a cross, yet was raised to life eternal. He is crowned with the glory and honor, yet was born into our world, into awful conditions. Through His suffering, He offers us God's undeserved favor. Through Him we have received the LIGHT of salvation which we celebrate tonight.

## 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 front of you or in your worship folder.

## Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Day - C

### 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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## A NOTE OF THANKS

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

Vocal: 3:30 & 5:30-The Jubilate Choir directed by Susan Jahnke

8pm Duet: Adam Raatz and Alana Raatz

Strings: Lillia Fiechtner, Carolyn Hall, MaKenna Norton, Hannah Norton, Jacob Sell, Emily Sell, and directed by Matthew Jahnke

Pianist: Jodi Pierce

Organist: Susan Jahnke

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December 25**      **10am Christmas Day Festival Communion Service**  
*with both individual and common cup offered*

**December 30**      **10am Service Only - Worship & Holy Communion**  
**No Bible Class or Sunday School.**

**December 31**      **7pm at Grace Lutheran - NEW YEAR'S EVE-The Naming of Jesus**  
St. Andrew is joining Grace Lutheran [821 Fifth Ave S] in Fargo for New Year's Eve Communion Service. Pastor Schulz will be preaching.

**January 6, 2019**      **Sunday Worship at 8am & 10:45am**  
**Sunday School and Bibles Classes resume as well.**

**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 Advent Wreath**

**THE BELL, THE PEACE, EXPLANATION OF OFFERING, LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES, and GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Let All Together Praise Our God"**

Tune: LW #44/LSB #389

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.
2. The Father sends Him from His throne To be an infant small  
And lie here poorly manged now In this cold, dismal stall,  
In this cold, dismal stall.
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 ever more.

STAND

### **THE INVOCATION**

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

**C: AMEN!**

## RESPONSIVE READING

P: Blessed are You, O Christ, true Son of God:

**C: You were present before time began, and You came into the world to save us.**

P: Blessed are You, the Sun of Righteousness: *(Mal. 5:2)*

**C: You shine with the Father's Love, and illuminate the whole universe with Your light.**

P: Blessed are You, Son of Mary:

**C: You were born a child and now share our humanity-let the earth with the heavens shout their praise.**

P: You reflect the very nature and glory of God:

**C: and uphold the universe with Your Word of power.**

P: Unto 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, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace:

**C: Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

P: For a little while You were made lower than the angels, but are now crowned with glory and honor because of Your suffering and death;

**C: You have tasted death for us that we might have life.**

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## A SONG OF ANTICIPATION

**3:30 & 5:30 - "Were You There" by Natalie Sleeth** Jubilate Choir

**8pm - "Do You Know What I Know"**

by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Adam & Alana Raatz

**THE OLD TESTAMENT foretells His birth** **Isaiah 9:2-7**

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE** **"The People That in Darkness Sat"**

Tune:LW #77L/SB #412

1. The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been; In shades of death have been.

3. To us the Child of hope is born, To us the Son is given;  
And on his shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

**"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"**

Tune: LW #504/LSB #388

### REFRAIN:

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry where,  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!**

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, through-out the heavens There shone a holy light.

**REFRAIN**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

**REFRAIN**

3. Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

**REFRAIN**

## THE POSTLUDE

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“This is our chief article, and this is our true, genuine, Christian faith, apart from which no other faith exists: that Christ is true God and man. And this faith alone saves. Whoever desires to have a different faith is welcome to have it and see where it will get him. If reason will not believe that it was possible for God to become man, then it may disbelieve it. But we Christians believe it because God’s Word says so; and to faith nothing is impossible. Reason may be offended at it to whatever extent it please. But so it must be: whoever expects to be redeemed and saved from the devil’s power, from sins, and from death must believe that Christ is true God, through whom the world was made, also true man, born of Mary. This faith alone saves—none other, however it may be called.”—Martin Luther

**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!

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!**

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.*

4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
 The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
 The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;  
 On judgement and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end. His reign shall have no end.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us yours alone,  
 Who with the Father ever are  
 And Holy Spirit, one. And Holy Spirit, one.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT speaks of Jesse's descendant [Isaiah 11:1,2, 10]**

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

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

Tune: TLH #645/ LW #67/LSB #359

- Lo, how a rose is growing, A bloom of finest grace;  
 The prophets had foretold it: A branch of Jesse's race  
 Would bear one perfect flow'r Here in the cold of winter  
 And darkest midnight hour.
- 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.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT speaks of the place of birth**

**Micah 5:2**

**A HYMN 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.
- For Christ is born of Mary And, gathered all above  
 While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
 O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
 And praises sing To God the King, And peace to all the earth!

- 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.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT explains our Lord**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"I Am So Glad"**

Tune: LW #56

- I am so glad when Christmas comes, The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Beth-l'hem's star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.
- The little Child in Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,  
Came down from His exalted throne To save our fallen race.
- 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.

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS - The Preliminaries**

**St. Luke 2:1-5**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"Once in Royal David's City"**

Tune: LW #58/LSB #376

- Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 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 FIRST CHRISTMAS-Our Lord is Born**

**St. Luke 2:6-7**

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"Away in a Manger"**

Tune: LSB #364/ Traditional

- 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.

**RESPONSE #3**

**"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

Tune: LSB #393

- Infant holy, infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
- Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

**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.*

- 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 9:1]
- 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

- 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.
- 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!

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.

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.

#### **RESPONSE #2**

#### **"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!

2. 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.

#### **THE FIRST CHRISTMAS-**

#### **The Angel Appears to Shepherds**

**St. Luke 2:8-9**

#### **A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#### **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

Tune: LW #62/LSB #366

1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
3. All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour, Comes swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of him the angels sing.

#### **THE FIRST CHRISTMAS-**

#### **Lord's Birth is Announced**

**St. Luke 2:10-12**

**5:30 - "For He Is Born Today" by Jay Althouse**

Jubilate Choir

#### **3:30 & 8pm-A HYMN OF RESPONSE "Angels from the Realms..."**

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

#### **REFRAIN**

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

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

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

**REFRAIN**

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS-  
The Praise of the Angels**

**St. Luke 2:13-14**

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"Hark! The Herald Angels"**

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!"
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!"

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS-The Shepherds Go to See St. Luke 2:15-16**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"What Child is This"**

Tune LW #61/LSB #370

1. 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!

2. 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!

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS-The Shepherds Share the Gospel**

**St. Luke 2:17-20**

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Tune: LW #55/LSB #368

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn king.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**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 fully and our trust. 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**

**"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.