



**Christmas Eve**  
**2:00, 3:30, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Services**  
 Dec. 24, 2020

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**WELCOME!** Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We invite you to receive God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament on a weekly basis on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Through these means, we receive both Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who come to us, granting us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith.

**Hymn** “The Advent of Our King” LSB 331 vv. 1-4

**Invocation** (P = pastor; C = congregation)  
 P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C: Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**  
 P: In a world darkened by sin, God gave us light and life through our Lord Jesus. The Father sent Jesus to save us because we do not desire or deserve light and life. We sin time and again in thought, word and deed. Let us confess to God the darkness of sin and death in our lives and ask for His forgiveness.

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

P: Merciful Father,  
 C: **We confess that we have rebelled against You and that we live in the darkness of sin. We have not loved You with all our heart, nor have we honored Your will or given thanks for Your salvation. We have failed to love others as ourselves. Forgive, enlighten and enliven us as Your children for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: God has given you the gift of His Son, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. This child was born for you. In Christ, God proclaims peace and goodwill on those whom His favor rests. Jesus also gave His life on the cross for you. For His sake, God forgives You all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority and command of our Lord, I announce the grace of God to all of you and I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Introit** (Psalm 96:7-13; antiphon, v. 2)

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;  
 tell of his salvation from day to day.  
 C: **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**C: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!**

P: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

**C: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.**

P: Let the field exult and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**C: before the Lord, for He comes, for he comes to judge the earth.**

P: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in faithfulness:

**C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

### **Kyrie**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For peace throughout the world, for an end to terrorism and warfare, for those who serve and protect, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the holy Church throughout the world, that she may be faithful in proclaiming the Gospel to every corner of the world; for those who serve in missions fields around the world, that they may know joy in their kingdom work, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For doctors, nurses, and all who work to preserve life that we might gather in health and safety, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. As we have known the mysteries of that Light, Jesus Christ, on earth, grant we also may come to the fullness of His presence in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Hymn**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361 vv. 1, 4

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

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.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading**

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading - Part I**

Luke 2:1-7

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And 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 upper guest room.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Special Music**

“Mary, Did You Know?”

### **Gospel Reading - Part II**

Luke 2:8-14

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

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn** “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” LSB 366 vv. 1, 3-4

### **Gospel Lesson - Part III**

Luke 2:15-20

When 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.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had

been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And 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.**

### **The 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.**

### **Hymn**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” LSB 368 vv. 1, 3

### **Christmas Eve Message**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

P: Lord God Almighty, we come before You in awe at the wonder and majesty of the incarnation. The Savior of the nations has come, and with joy we greet our newborn King. Let the proclamation of His birth sound forth throughout the world. Give to Your Church faithful pastors to proclaim the good tidings of His birth, and give to Your people willing ears to hear and believe.

P: In the birth of Your Son, You have signaled the beginning of a new creation. Although we still live in a world wracked by the ravages of sin, we know that the final victory is Yours. Watch over and keep safe all whose vocations keep them from their families this evening.

P: In the birth of Your Son, You have visited and redeemed Your people. Continue to visit those who are lonely, sick, recovering or near death. Let Your presence be a comfort to them, and give them perseverance until that time You grant healing, relief, deliverance and peace.

P: In the birth of Your Son, and by His death and resurrection, You have reconciled the world to Yourself. Keep us mindful that Jesus is for all people. Give us opportunity to tell others the good news of His coming, so that they can join in the praise of Your holy name.

P: In the birth of Your eternal Son, who is of one substance with You, You visited mankind, and so Your eternal Godhead is bound to the body and blood He gives us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Grant faith to all who receive this gift, that with sins forgiven and love strengthened, they can serve their neighbor in joy.

P: In the birth of Your Son, You have called people of all times and places to faith in Your promises fulfilled in Christ. We thank you for all the believers who have gone before us and are now with You. Give us confidence in Your promise of resurrection and eternal life, and bring us at last together with them into Your presence at the full coming of Your kingdom.

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

### **Hymn**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

LSB 363

### **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## **Merry Christmas!**

### **Christmas Day Service**

10 a.m. with Holy Communion

### **Sunday, Dec. 27 - Worship (First Sunday after Christmas)**

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Worship**  
6 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 521 5th Ave. S.

### **Sunday, Jan. 3 Worship**

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

**(Second Sunday after Christmas)**



CHRIST  
THE SAVIOR  
IS BORN!