

# Christmas Eve

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Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2025

Glory, Fear, Peace, & Favour

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Red Bud, Illinois

*We come together to celebrate Christmas. Many times, our celebrations come with lots of music, decorations, joyous conversations, and laughter, and we cannot forget the presents under the tree and the stockings hung by the chimney with care. Yet there is a different reality we encounter tonight. We see the glory of the Lord descending to us in the Christ Child, who was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger. And in Him, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met" tonight as we join our voices with the angels, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (LSB 361:1; Luke 2:14).*

**PRELUDE:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arranged by Kevin Hildebrand

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN:**

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" (LSB 377)



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

## INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES:

*Isaiah 9:2; Luke 2:8–9*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

P: There were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

C: **And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*Luke 2:10, 14*

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,

C: **we gather on this not-so-silent night to celebrate the birth of the One who brings us peace. Yet, we are not at peace with You, with one another, or with ourselves. Our sinfulness can cause us to be filled with fear. For the sake of Jesus, the Child who was born and the Son who was given to redeem us from all lawlessness, purify us as Your people and make us zealous for good works.**

P: The angel said to the shepherds, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.” So, as God’s servant, I say to you, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy.” As a called and ordained servant in Christ’s church and with His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us join our voices with the multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

C: **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

# HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (LSB 380)



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.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

## INTROIT:

*Psalm 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**C: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?**

P: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His anointed. He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, “As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.”

**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: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

P: Lord have mercy.

**C: Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ANTHEM:

(3 & 5 p.m.) *“When Love Was Born”* (Solo)

*Starlight shines, the night is still, Shepherds watching from a hill.*

*I close my eyes, and see the night when Love was born.*

*A perfect child gently wakes, A mother bends to kiss God's face.*

*I close my eyes, and see the night when love was born*

*Angels fill the midnight sky, they sing “Hallelujah, He is Christ, our King!”*

*Emmanuel, Prince of peace, The Love come down for you and me.*

*Heaven's gift, the holy spark to light the way inside our hearts.*

*Bethlehem, through your small door came the hope we've waited for.*

*The world was changed forevermore when love was born.*

*I close my eyes, and see the night when love was born.*

(9 p.m.) *“Gesù Bambino”* (piano & violin duet)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: (“To us a child is born, to us a son is given.”) Isaiah 9:2–7

L: 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. 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL:

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

C: **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,**

P: Mighty God,

C: **Everlasting Father,**

P: Prince of Peace.

C: **Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**

**EPISTLE READING:** *(God's grace has appeared, bringing salvation.)**Titus 2:11-14*

L: 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:***"Joy to the World" (LSB 387)*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

**VERSE:***Luke 2:11*

P: Alleluia.

**C: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

P: Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL READING:** *(The birth of the Christ Child)**Luke 2:1-20*

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: 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 inn. 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 fear. And 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. 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!" 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 our Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Away in a Manger" (LSB 364)*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

## SERMON

### THE CHRISTMAS CREED: *(spoken in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men; who lived to suffer, die and rise from the dead to free us from our sin, from death and from the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, treasures of my life and to love and serve Him as my King now and forevermore. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

**P:** To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

**C:** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The glory of the Lord has come down to us in Christ. Alleluia!**

**P:** O Wonderful Counselor,

**C:** **hear our prayers and grant us Your peace and favor.**

**P:** O Mighty God,

**C:** **give us eyes to see Your glory, ears to hear Your grace, and mouths to voice Your praise.**

**P:** O Everlasting Father,

**C:** **You sent Your Son into this world to be born of the virgin Mary, suffer under Pontius Pilate, be crucified, die, and be buried before rising to life again on the third day to redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for Yourself a people for Your own possession. We thank and praise You for making us Your people and making Your favor shine on us.**

**P:** O Prince of Peace,

**C:** **we ask that You give us the peace that surpasses all understanding, that we trust that You have come into our imperfect world to bring the perfect gift of salvation, which You have freely given to us.**

*Silence for personal prayer.*

**P:** Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we place our prayers and praise. We place ourselves and our loved ones into Your care, trusting in Your mercy and coming to You with confidence, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY:***“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (LSB 358, vs. 1-2)*

1 “From heav’n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 2 “To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
 news to ev - ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
 joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT****PREFACE:***2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.****PROPER PREFACE:**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Savior, Christ the Lord, for You descended from Your heavenly throne to be born of a virgin in the city of David, wrapped in swaddling cloths, laid in a manger to be our Immanuel, God with us, and to save Your people from their sins. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the heavenly host, we praise and honor Your glorious name and join in their unending hymn.

**SANCTUS:***“Angels We Have Heard on High” (LSB 368, vs. 1-2)*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o’er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav’n - ly song?  
*Refrain*  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a



### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**P:** Blessed are You, the Child who was born, the Son who was given and was born in the city of David, our Savior, Christ the Lord. We celebrate the grace of God appearing, bringing salvation for all people. Gathered this night, we remember Your birth and celebrate the gifts of Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat at Your banquet Table and receive Your body and blood to redeem and purify us. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver us from our fears, and give us peace and favor; for You rule and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C:** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** 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:**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI:***"See amid the Winter's Snow" (LSB 373, vs. 1)*

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,  
See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.

*Refrain*  
Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!  
Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:***"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (LSB 366)*

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph - ets seen of old,  
From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.  
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:  
When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.  
"Peace on the earth, good - will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,  
The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (LSB 374)



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.

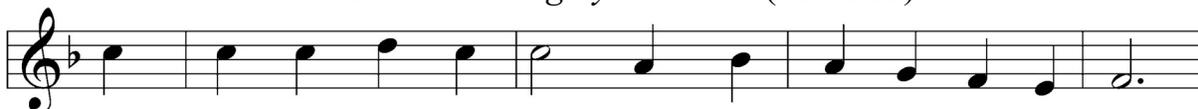


Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

“A Great and Mighty Wonder” (LSB 383)



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:  
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,  
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,  
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,  
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!  
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

*Refrain*



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: “To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!”

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” (LSB 388)

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born;

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Angels We Have Heard on High” (LSB 368, vs. 3)

3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING:**

**P:** Let us pray: We thank You this night for the glory of the Lord appearing to us in, with, and under the bread and wine to give us forgiveness and peace. Renew our hearts and lives so we may reveal Your grace and favor to the world; for You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **CLOSING SENTENCES:**

- P: Like the shepherds who were greeted by the angels, God has revealed the glory of the Lord to us.
- C: **And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. (Luke 2:17)**

### **(9 p.m.) SERVICE OF CANDLES** ***(remain standing as the church darkens)***

*(Pastor lights his candle from the white Christ candle on the Advent wreath because Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. This light is then passed on to the ushers who then share it with the first worshippers in each pew who then share the light on down the pew.*

*Tip only the unlit candle when sharing the light)*

- P: Our God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. Arise, shine for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you! People of all nations of the world shall come to this light. Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." If we walk in that light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all our sins.

**ALL: Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION:**

- P: May the good Lord bless and keep you, cause His face on you to shine, Look on you with favor deep, granting you His peace divine.
- C: **Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us; God's love from harm to hide us; the Spirit's power to guide us forevermore! Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN:

“Silent Night” (LSB 363)



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,



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 - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



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



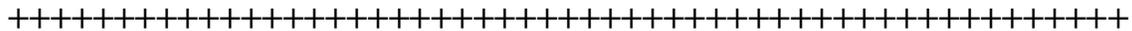
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*(After the closing hymn is over, please extinguish your candles. Return them to an usher.  
When the lights come on you may exit in hope and joy.)*

POSTLUDE: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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**Serving Us in Worship Tonight**

(3 p.m.) Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak

(5 p.m. & 9 p.m.) Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelmann

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (9 p.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

(9 p.m.) Instrumentalists: Brandon Nehrt (trumpet & violin) & David Snyder (trombone)

Acolytes: (3 p.m.) Brody Rahn; (5 p.m.) Grayden Schloemann

Greeters: (3 p.m.) *Volunteer Needed*; (5 p.m.) Chris Doerr

(9 p.m.) Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes: St. John's Junior & Senior Youth

***Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!***

We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's Lutheran is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. During the offering, please sign the black friendship register at the end of the pew. We invite you to worship with us again very soon.

## **WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION:**

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Please place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup.

## **REMAINING SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES:**

Tomorrow, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, Dec. 31, 6 p.m., New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

*From your St. John's Family:*

*We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!*

## **POINSETTIA GARDEN LIST**

***Poinsettias have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:***

Our Parents, Wilbert & Earline Stamm; Ben & Clara Maurer

A gift from Eugene & Doris Stamm

Oscar & Irene Stamm

A gift from Brian & Diane Guebert & family

Don & Paulette Kueker

A gift from Mike & Tim Kueker

Parents, Lorenz & Esther Guebert

A gift from Mary Ann Wegener

Loved Ones

A gift from Alverda Rahn, & family

Morgan Breanne Wolter, Keith Wolter, & Floyd Wolter

A gift from The Wolter family

Oliver & Lois Ratz, Julie Ratz

A gift from The Rick Cooper family

Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Becker

A gift from Nancy Liefer

Husband, Mr. Orville Liefer

A gift from his wife, Nancy Liefer

Scherer & Wahneta Preston, Boniface & Elda Stirnaman,

Robert Stirnaman & Nicole Stirnaman Valleroy

A gift from John & Norma Preston

Ralph, Nina, & Kim Liefer

A gift from Kevin & Kalin Liefer families

Brian C. Hunt

A gift from Lisa Quinn & family

Alvin & Leona Buch, Charlene Rose Buch, August & Helen Kruse,

Louis Clara Buch, Arlin Buch, & Esther Buch

A gift from Karen & Linda Buch

The many loved ones who have departed this life

A gift from Sharon Henke & family

Harold & Ruth Gielow

A gift from Larry & Diane Gielow family

Louis & Doris Koch

A gift from Mike & Juli Deterding & family

David Koch Sr.

A gift from Mike & Juli Deterding & family

Marcy Watters

A gift from Jeff, Claudia, & Michael Watters

Amos & Erna van Buren & C. James Duclos

A gift from Denis & Brenda van Buren family

Sandy Stellhorn, many Family & Friends celebrating Christmas in Heaven

A gift from Bill & Diana Becker family

Our dear Rhonda & other family loved ones

A gift from Mary Gross & family

Charlee Marie Kennedy

A gift from your cousins: Cadin, Colby, Ty, Max, & Emry Voss

Willie Guebert & Karin Lynn Whelan

A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, & Kane Whelan

Frank & Ardell Linnertz, & Larry Berg

A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, & Kane Whelan

Edwin, Nina, Danny, Kimberly, & Beth Guebert

A gift from Linda Guebert, Scott, Susan, & Kane Whelan

Roland Birkner

A gift from Irma Birkner & family

Harry & Jean Voss

A gift from the Voss grandchildren

Timothy Voss & Wayne Voss

A gift from the Voss nieces & nephews

Keith Wolter & Matthew Voss

A gift from the Voss cousins

Morgan Wolter & Charlee Kennedy

A gift from the Voss cousins

Our son, Chad Grohmann & Beloved Family & Friends who passed before him.

Forever in our hearts, eternally in God's hands

A gift from Dennis & Kathy Grohmann & family

**Poinsettias have been given to the Glory of God in honor of:**

Ken & Joan Voges 64 years of marriage on Dec. 26

A gift from their Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren

**Poinsettias have been given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for:**

God's abundant blessings to our Family from our dear members of St. John's

A gift from Bill & Diana Becker family

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary & Our Family

A gift from Wayne & Betty Schmitz

Our Family

A gift from Mike & Tim Kueker

30 years in Education

A gift from Chris Gidley

**In Lieu of Poinsettias, a donation has been made to the Altar Guild, to the Glory of God in loving memory of:**

Donald A. & Donald Ray Salger A gift from Verla, Karen, Brenda, Julie & James & Families

***You may pick up your poinsettias after the New Years Eve service. Thank you!***