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CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

December 24, 2024
4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! A blessed Christmas to you. Tonight, we celebrate the birth of hope and light in the world, Jesus Christ. May the presence of His Spirit fill you with strength and peace. Thank you for being with us!

PRELUDE MUSIC

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist
Kathy Person, Violin (4pm & 5:30pm)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. Cathy Moglebust

Gloria Dei Bells (4pm & 5:30pm)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:78-79)

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

(The Advent Candles and Christ Candle are lit during the hymn.)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

#283 vv. 1-2

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS READING: 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 and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High #289 v. 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.**

THE SECOND CHRISTMAS READING: Luke 2:8-14
Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"
(Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Angels We Have Heard on High (Please stand.) #289 v. 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.**

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)
THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

**When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has
made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child
lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them
about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But
Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds
returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told
them.** (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

ANTHEM (5:30pm): *Cradle Hymn* by Arnesen Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O Little Town of Bethlehem #279 vv. 1, 4
**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.**

**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.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Don't Forget to Hark!*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY MUSIC (4pm & 5:30pm): *Pastorale from "Christmas Concerto"* by Arcangelo Corelli
Kathy Person, Micaela Lum

OFFERTORY MUSIC (10pm): *Welcome to Our World* Michelle Lum, Art & Music Minister

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (please stand.) #270 v. 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!"**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (5:30/10pm)

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward. Please cross your arms in front as a signal. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION (5:30pm & 10pm only): **Lamb of God** #191

Away in a Manger #277
**Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (To avoid hot wax, please keep lit candles upright. Thank you!)

THE READING: John 1:1-5,9-14

THE HYMN: Silent Night, Holy Night

#281 vv. 1, 3

**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! 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.**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Joy to the World

#267 vv. 1-2

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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.**

**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.**

POSTLUDE: *Joy to the World* arr. Sarah Rimkus
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Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIANO DUET CONCERT - January 5, 2025, 5pm. Come see Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi play four-hand piano! They'll be our guests during morning services. Come enjoy their amazing talents!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Reconvenes January 8, meeting every Wednesday at 10am. All women are invited to join in! Study is led by Pastor David. We meet upstairs in Knudson Hall.

THE PSALMS AND HEBREW - Pastor David will lead a Bible study on the Psalms, while teaching some simple Hebrew. You can do it. Beginning on January 9, 6:30pm, Knudson Hall (6 weeks).

SR. HIGH BOWLING - January 10, 6pm at Saddleback Lanes. Meet at the bowling alley for burgers & bowling. Invite a friend!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Meets on January 11, 8:30am in Knudson Hall. This group meets every month on the 2nd Saturday. All men are invited for a good meal, Bible study led by Pastor David, and great fellowship.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI? Next Adult Inquiry Class (non-Lutheran background) (Jan. 11, 9am) and New Member Orientation (Jan. 12, 11:30am) for all joining. See sign-up for details or call the office.

ALZHEIMER'S RESOURCES LUNCH & LEARN (L&L) - January 19 at 11:15am, Bankson Hall. L & L to find support for yourself and learn new ways to communicate with loved ones with Alzheimers. Donation for lunch. See sign-up.

NEW GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) GROUP - Starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10am, Knudson Hall. This small group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday/month. They will study *John: Jesus-the-Word, The Messiah, The Son of God* & facilitated by Dennis & Deacon Daneen Pysz. Open to all. Sign-up.

WOMEN'S BUNCO - Back by popular demand! Girls and women of all ages come and play, January 24, 6pm, Bankson Hall. Bring an appetizer for dessert to share. Cost: \$5. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

PLANNING SURVEY INSERT - If you have not completed one online, please complete one today. Pick it up at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering boxes. Thanks for helping out!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Pick up your copy of January - March, 2025 devotional at the Welcome Table.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2024

Today: AA Men (7am); Christmas Candlelight Worship (4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: Merry Christmas! AA Men (7am); AA Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: Office Closed; AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA (7pm)

Friday: Office Closed; Al Anon Meeting (10am)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); NA Meeting (7pm)

Sunday: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sr. High Valentine Making at Gloria Dei (February 1, 2025)
- Prime Time Seniors - Nixon Library (February 13, 2025)
- L&L - Celebrating Life Community Health Center (March 2, 2025)
- Men's Spring Training Retreat (March 7-9, 2025)
- Los Angelitos Orphanage trip (March 15, 2025)
- Women's One Day Retreat (March 22, 2025)
- Annual Church Campout (June 6-8, 2025)
- Vacation Bible School (June 16-20, 2025)
- 60th Anniversary of GDLC (September 19, 2025)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TONIGHT!

4pm: Acolyte: Johnny Figueroa-Torres & Reed Jensen; Lector: Jay Pederson; Parking: Scott Neiderhiser & Chuck Weinhardt; Ushers: Dean Fräsché, Henri Nurminen, & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Leslie McNaughton

5:30pm: Acolyte: Noah Johnston; Communion: Jerry Combe, Emma Mattson, Carol Simpson, David & Lisa Zylstra; Lector: Kelsey Engel; Parking: Tim Boyd; Ushers: Jeff Contestabile, Pam & Pat Thomas; Welcome Table: Liane Schuller

10pm: Communion: Pastor David Mattson & Michelle Lum; Lector: Bill Jonas; Ushers: Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino

THANKS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATING POINSETTIAS!

John & Susan Adams	In memory of Big John & Marjorie Adams
Marline & Shawn Adams	In memory of "our precious friend" Gala Gastineau Cash
Kathi Anderson	In memory of Cliff Anderson
Barbara Baldwin & Tom McKeown	In memory of Toby Tobiassen, a great fallen fighter
Susan Behnke	In memory of Fred Voss
James & Yvonne Bell	In memory of the Bell Family and the Welcher Family
Denise & Timothy Boyd	In honor of Annabelle Dalberg
John & Linda Friend	In memory of our parents
Bob & Brenda Gaumer	In memory of our parents
Nadine Graven	In memory of Mike Graven, Stanley Graven & Caitin Hoffman
Judy Henderson	In memory of Buck Henderson
Ren & Shelly Higgins	In memory of our parents, Herb Higgins & Velda Chase
Laurene Holmes-Hylton	In memory of my Mom & Gram
Rudy Horsch	In memory of Joy
Bill Jonas & Kathy Martino	In memory all the saints gone before us
Janet Klein	In memory of loved ones
Dellita & Mike Kobold	In honor of our children
Pastor John & Marj Knudson	In memory of John Kittleson, our godson
Sonja Krafcik	In memory of Luther Stumme
Cathy Lindgren	In celebration of Jesus
Gia Lugo	In celebration of our 25th anniversary this year
Connie Masciorini	In memory of Ray & Marie Cunningham
Tom McKeown	In honor of my wife, Barbara
Leslie & Steve McNaughton	In loving memory of Bruce & Shirley McNaughton, Sandra Burns & Norm Clifford
Lynne McReynolds	in honor of Jack & Carolyn Scott
Lisa Mers	In memory of Jim Mers & Emmy Quinn
Sharon Miller	In memory of Marvin Miller
Jan Nastoff	In memory of my husband, Robert Nastoff & my parents
The Neiderhiser Family	In celebration of Ellen Kietz & Richard Rhine
Deacon Daneen & Dennis Pysz	In honor of the Glory of God
The Ross Family	In honor of Al Turner
Donna Sandidge	In memory of my dad, Don Wilson
Liane Schuller	In memory of Ray & Ingrid Schuller
Bob Schultz	In memory of Don & Ruth Schultz and William Schultz
Lora Schultz	In celebration of Baby James Thomas Stoll
Dianne Scott	In memory of John & Margaret Vislocky
Hal & JoAnn Scott	In memory of Hal & JoAnn's parents
Jim & Ann St. Martin	In honor of the Joy of Jesus' birth
Cheryl Swinehart	In memory of Mike & Paul
David & Susan Warneke	In honor of the Sacrifice & in celebration of the Blood Covenant

You may pick your poinsettia up after the 10pm service on Dec. 24, 2024, or pick it up outside the office door on December 26 or after, when the office is closed between Christmas & the New Year.