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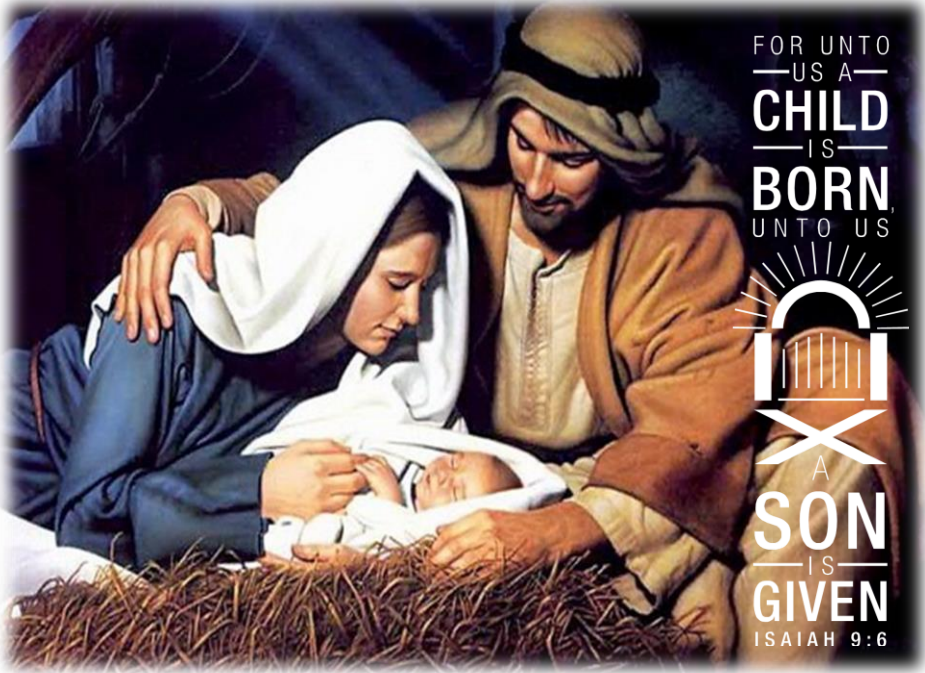
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Christmas Day Worship

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CHRISTMAS JOY!

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Pre-service Devotion: *John 1:14*

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

..... ORDER OF WORSHIP

INVOCATION:

Pastor: Let us begin our Christmas Day service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Let us praise our Gracious God!

P: Praise God, our Gracious Father:

ALL: Who in love sent His Son to redeem us!

P: Praise God the Son, Jesus Christ our Savior:

ALL: Who in love gave Himself to redeem us!

P: Praise God, the Holy Spirit:

ALL: Who in love has granted us faith to believe in Christ's birth, and Christ's redemption! Amen.

HYMN: #708 "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" [Tan Supplement]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: Let us this Christmas morning join with the prodigal son, arise, and go to our Father, and confess to Him,

ALL: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son." (Luke 15:18-19)

P: It is true, as the Apostle Paul writes in Galatians chapter four –

ALL: "Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world."

P: "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

ALL: "He has redeemed us who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons!" (Galatians 4:3-5)

P: "So we stand before God, justified and forgiven!"

ALL: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Amen! (Romans 5:1)

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT - LUKE 2 (NASB)

Luke 2:1-7 Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. **2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. **6** And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

HYMN 84:1

**Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
Whereon the Savior of the world was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun,
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son!**

Luke 2:8-12 And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

HYMN 84:2

**Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth,
To you and all the nations upon earth;
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;
This day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!"**

Luke 2:13-14 *And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."*

HYMN 84:3

**He spake; and straightway the celestial choir,
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang.
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace upon earth, and unto men good will!**

Luke 2:15-18 *And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.*

HYMN 84:4

**To Bethlehem straight th' enlightened shepherds ran,
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,
And found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,
Her Son, the Savior, in a manger laid;
Then to their flocks, still praising God, return.
And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.**

Luke 2:19-20 *But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.*

HYMN 84:5

**Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind,
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
From His poor manger to His bitter cross,**

**Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.**

2nd LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-12

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

HYMN 84:6

**Then may we hope, th' angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.
He that was born upon this joyful day
Around us all His glory shall display.
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing,
Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King!**

7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." 8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." 10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Hymn 368 (LSB) "Angels we have Heard on High"

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Sermon Isaiah 9:2-6

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6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

And His name will be called...

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Confession of Faith *Luther's Explanation to the Second Article*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

And His name will be called...

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

Hymn 384 (LSB) "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Followed by the Offering Hymn: *[Red Hymnal #108:1,6]*

**We sing, Immanuel, Your praise,
The Prince of Life and Fount of grace,
The Flower of heaven and Star of morn,
The Lord of lords, The Virgin-born. Hallelujah!**

**I have the will, my flesh is still weak;
Yet, Lord, my humble offering take
And graciously this love receive,
Which my poor heart to You will give! Hallelujah!**

Christmas Lord's Prayer

P: We continue with our Christmas prayer:

ALL: Our Father in Heaven...

P: On this Christmas day we thank and praise You for Your Fatherly love that has and continues to comfort our lives with the joy that we have as Your dear children.

ALL: Hallowed be Your name...

P: On this Christmas day we worship and praise Your most holy name. For You have reminded us that every knee will bow when You send Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ to return for the Judgment of the world.

ALL: Your Kingdom come...

P: On this Christmas day we also pray, oh Lord God, that Your kingdom would come not only to us, but to all the world who hear Your saving Gospel message that speaks of the birth and redemptive work of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

P: On this Christmas day we pause again, knowing that Your will is always better than our own will, and that Your plan is always better than our own plan. Therefore we ask that You would continue to direct our lives and help us always to follow You above everything else.

ALL: Give us today our daily bread...

P: On this Christmas day we remember all the physical blessings that You have provided for us throughout our lives. You have

given us food and clothing, and with these help us always to be content.

ALL: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...

P: On this Christmas day we thank You LORD for canceling the debt of our sins. We know we are undeserving of Your love and mercy. But we ask that You would continually remind us of this mercy daily, so that we too may show that same mercy and forgiveness to all people.

ALL: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

P: On this Christmas day the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh will continue to try to rob us of the greatest gift that we have ever been given – our salvation in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we pray that you would help us to resist every temptation, and that You would guard and protect our souls from every evil.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever! AMEN.

Children's Hymn up front with Pastors

Children who'd like to come sing with the pastors, please come up during the offering.

"GOD LOVES ME DEARLY" (709 WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT)

The Benediction - *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD smile upon you and give you His peace.

ALL: (sung) Amen!

Hymn #87 "Joy to the World" (TLH)

Please remain standing

Thank you for joining us! New Year's Schedule

New Year's Eve Service: 6:00pm December 31, 2019

New Year's Day Song Service: 10:00am January 1, 2020