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3rd Midweek Advent Service

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SERVING US TODAY

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew **DEACON** (1 PM) Steve Wolle; (6 PM) Paul Bade **ORGANIST** (1 PM) Colleen Matzke; (6 PM) Grace Schreyer
SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne; (6 PM) Russ Schmitt
FLOWERS Grace Schreyer & Katie Dick **SOUND** Evan Matzke

Pre-service Devotion: 1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

..... ORDER OF WORSHIP

Invocation

P: We begin this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn: (LSB 891)

C: ♪ O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
With radiance brighter than the sun,
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One.

As twilight hovers near at sunset,
And lamps are lit, and children nod,
In evening hymns we lift our voices
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

In all life's brilliant timeless moments,
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,
O Son of God, our Life-bestower
Whose glory lightens endless days. ♪

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

P: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Antiphon Psalm 24 - Worship Supplement p.25

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:4-8

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

P: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ensemble: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2

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.

Hymn #715

"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

Sermon Luke 2:15-16

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So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Week 1: MAN IN A MANGER

Week 2: GOD IN A MANGER

Week 3: LAMB IN A MANGER

Hymn #360 (LSB)

"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

1. All my heart this night rejoices as I hear far and near
Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born!" their choirs are singing
Till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing.
2. Should we fear our God's displeasure, who, to save, freely gave
His most precious treasure?
To redeem us He has given
His own Son from the throne of His might in heaven.

3. See the Lamb, our sin once taking to the cross, suffering loss,
Full atonement making.
For our life His own He tenders,
And His grace all our race fit for glory renders.
4. Softly from His lowly manger Jesus calls one and all,
"You are safe from danger.
Children from the sins that grieve you
You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Meditation: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Litany

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

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P: From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the attacks and assaults of the devil; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from storm and tempest; and from everlasting death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting and temptation; by Your agony in the Garden; by Your cross and suffering; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of tribulation; in all time of prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You,

C: To hear us, O Lord.

P: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and leaders of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all divisions and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have strayed and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To deliver our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; to direct and defend our president and all who are in authority; to bless and protect our judges and all our people; to watch over those who are sick or weak; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: We implore You to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy.

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C: Have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

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P: O Lord,
C: Have mercy.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful LORD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: ♪ Amen

Closing Hymn #60 (to the tune of TLH 270)

"Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Children's Christmas Eve Service: 6:00pm December 24, 2019

Christmas Day Service: 10:00am December 25, 2019

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

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

Thank you

for joining us today! We pray that you were blessed by the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us again!

