
Christmas Day



For
to us
a child
is born,
to us
a son
is given

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

Pre-service Preparation: The Benedictus and
the Maginificat. p.38-43



Isatah 9:6

Christmas Day Scripture and Song Service

CHOIR: "Were You There?"

HYMN 713: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We"

RESPONSIVE READING

INVOCATION

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces,
with reverence and love, we acknowledge Your glory and worship
You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit eternal Trinity.

**C: Blessing and honor and glory and power unto our God, forever
and ever! Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We confess, Almighty God, that we have erred and strayed from
Your ways like lost sheep.

C: We have followed the desires of our hearts.

P: We have broken Your laws.

C: We have left undone those things which we ought to have

done; we have done things which we ought not to have done.

P: There is no health in us.

C: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Spare them, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are
penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ
Jesus, our Lord.

**C: And grant, for His sake, that we may live sober, upright, and
godly lives, to the glory of Your holy name.**

ABSOLUTION

P: As God has given to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and
as you have called me to administer the same, even so, in the name
of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**C: The Lord is merciful and gracious. He has not dealt with us
according to our sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far
has He removed our transgression from us. Bless the Lord, O
my soul.**

GREETING

P: O come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let
us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten
Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels.
Oh, come, let us adore Him...Christ the Lord.*

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with your spirit!

P: As the Lord Jesus once came in love and great poverty to be born in
a manger in Bethlehem,

C: So now He comes to us in the richness of His Word.

P: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son:

C: And shall call His name Immanuel.

P: The people that walked in darkness:

C: Have seen a great light.

*God of God, Light of Light
Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Very God, Begotten, not created.
Oh, come, let us adore Him...Christ the Lord.*

P: As Jesus once came from heaven to earth to live with people,
C: So now He comes in the Word, to give the light of the Spirit.
P: As He came to heal, to forgive, and to save,
C: So now He comes to give us the same blessings of His love.
P: Let us praise the great name of the Lord.
C: Let us sing with our hearts the great songs of His Word.

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, In the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore Him...Christ the Lord.*

P: Let us now celebrate His birth.
C: And tell of His coming to the ends of the earth.
P: Amen!
C: Let it be so. Amen!

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.
Oh, come, let us adore Him...Christ the Lord.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed, p. 5 WS

HYMN 78: *“Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer”*

CHRISTMAS SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:15
The Indescribable Gift of the Baby Jesus!

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

Choir: *“See, Amid the Winter’s Snow”*

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL IN WORD AND SONG
(Luke 2:1-20)

PASTOR: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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

CONGREGATION: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

PASTOR: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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."

CONGREGATION: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

He spake, and straightaway 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 goodwill

PASTOR: 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, good will toward men.”

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.

CONGREGATION: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

PASTOR: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

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.

CONGREGATION: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Then may we hope, the angelic thrones 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!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 706: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

A blessed Christmas to all who are present this morning, both visitors and members. May the precious GIFT of God's Son move us to a worshipful response of love to our Lord.

SPECIAL THANKS: We wish to thank all of you for the blessed opportunity and privilege to work and worship among you and with you in spreading the greatest news of all time—forgiveness, eternal life and salvation through Jesus Christ. May God's grace in Christ

which saved us, also empower us to work together ever more zealously to bring this message to a sin-darkened world. Thanks also for the cards, gifts and prayers that we have received during this Christmas time. They are deeply appreciated.

Pastor & Ruth

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday—December 30 S.S./Bible Class 9:00a.m.

Family Worship 10:00 a.m.

Presentation of 2013 Church Budget 11:10 a.m.

Next Monday New Year's Eve Communion/Hymn Sing 7:00 p.m.

2013 NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the New Year 2013 in your mailboxes.

2013 BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL GUIDE This "Bread of Life" is made available by the Lutheran Spokesman. Copies are available on the entry table, free for the taking. Please take one with you and we pray you use it during the year reading God's Word. If we run out we will print more.



He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

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