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# Christmas Day

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

DECEMBER 25, 2010

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church  
3232 West Point Rd. Middleton, WI  
Church of the Lutheran Confession  
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## THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

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



## Christmas Day Scripture and Song Service

Isalah 9:6

OPENING PRAYER: Hymn 79: *“Rejoice, Rejoice,  
This Happy Morn”*

HYMN 708: *“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”*

### 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.**

#### CHRISTMAS GOSPEL IN WORD AND SONG

(Luke 2:1-20)

**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 fear of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

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.

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**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.

**He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, lies in a humble stall,  
lies in a humble stall.**

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.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

**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.

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

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."

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their glad refrain:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

PASTOR: 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. 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.

**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!**

**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.

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.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed, pg. 12

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

**Sermon Text:** Isaiah 52:7-10

**Sermon Theme:** Today as your Messenger, as your Watchman:  
**I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!**

**OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 87:** *“Joy to the World”*

*(v. 1-all; v. 2-men/boys; v. 3-women/girls; v. 4-all)*

**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:**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> S.S./Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship 10:00 a.m.

Friday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Communion/Hymn Sing 7:00 p.m.

**2011 ENVELOPES:** Your 2011 envelopes are in your mailboxes.