

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 6:30 PM



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 379

Confession and Absolution 184-5

Introit Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Wisdom 18:14-15

[P] When all was still, and it was midnight,
[C] your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

[P] Why do the nations rage

[C] and the peoples plot in vain?

[P] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

[C] against the LORD and against his Anointed.

[P] He who sits in the heavens laughs;

[C] the LORD holds them in derision.

[P] Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

[C] and terrify them in his fury, saying,

[P] "As for me, I have set my King

[C] on Zion, my holy hill."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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[C] your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Kyrie 186

Gloria in Excelsis 187-9

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 361 v. 1

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 ESV

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.
 You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
 For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

ℙ This is the Word of the Lord. **✠** Thanks be to God.

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **361 vv. 2-3**

Epistle **Titus 2:11-14 ESV**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live
 self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for
 our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and
 Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all
 lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
 who are zealous for good works.

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Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **361 v. 4**

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 2:1-20 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.**[C]** *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.**[C]** *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Hymn

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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Sermon

St. Luke 2:13-14

“Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope”

Offering

Hymn

“O Holy Night”

**O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.
Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.**

Prayer of the Church

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition concludes:

P . . . through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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Lighting of Candles

Lord's Prayer

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

201-202

P The Lord be with you.

C *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C *(sung)* **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Choir (6:30 PM): *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,*

Alles schläft; einsam wacht

Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Congregation: 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!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!

Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Postlude



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