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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: #271 "I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" (Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

CHRISTMAS DIALOG (P=Pastor, C=Congregation)

P In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

C **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, -- and the darkness did not overcome it.**

P Those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

C **We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son, Full of grace and truth.**

P For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C **What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P Christ is born; salvation has appeared.

C **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN: #275 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before

you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 96

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,**

LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

(Please stand for the Gospel)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ² This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴ Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵ He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom. ⁸ Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. ⁹ The Lord's angel stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were absolutely terrified. ¹⁰ The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. ¹¹ Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. ¹² This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." ¹⁵ When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." ¹⁶ They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. ¹⁸ Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering in her heart what they might mean. ²⁰ The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

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SERMON

THE OFFERING:

HYMN: #282 *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* (Vs. 1, 3, & 4)

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence)

P For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

P For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

P For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

P Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the World, we commend all for whom we pray.

C Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastor: “Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...and nations shall come to your Light. Jesus said, ‘I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.’ “You are the light of the world...let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

(Pastor then gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes it on. The lighted candle is never tilted but

is always held upright when giving light to another. Please extinguish your candle when you see the Pastor extinguish his.)

HYMN #281

"Silent Night"

BLESSING

The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia.
Amen.

HYMN #290

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

*It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

SERVING THIS NIGHT

Greeters: 3:30pm - Shirley Moe & Sue Stebbins
5:00pm - Sherry Whipple & Winnie Zahradka
Ushers: 3:30pm - Dick Stebbins & Darrell Kelly
5:00pm - Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, December 19th: 9:00 am 74

Online: 20

Tuesday, December 21st: 4:00 am 10

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda December 27 thru January 2, 2022

Saturday 12/25 Online worship services

Sunday 12/26 9:00am Worship – Hymn Sing w/John Koziol

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Doris Reinhard

CHRISTMAS DAY Visit our YouTube page to view Christmas Day videos.

HYMN FEST John Koziol, Jr. will be joining us on Sunday, December 26th to perform a “Hymn Sing” for our Sunday service at 9:00am. Please joined us!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY Results are coming in slow. Please fill out and submit your survey. Additional survey forms are available in the office.

***BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE ON THIS WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS EVE. GO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS –
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!!***

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.



POINSETTIA Donations



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Pat Becker	Loved Ones
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Thank you to those who have made donations for the beautiful flowers to decorate our sanctuary!