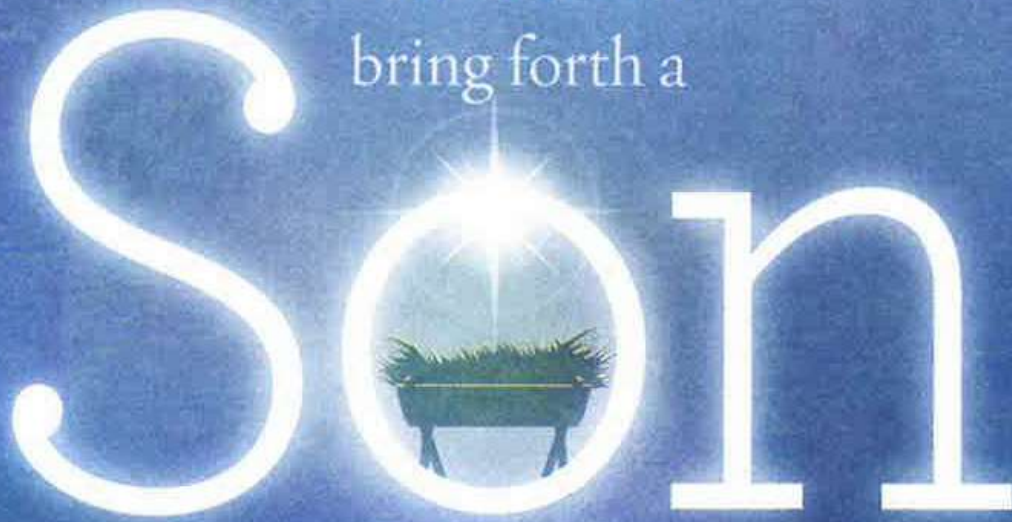


And she shall
bring forth a

Son



and thou shalt
call his name

Jesus:

for he shall save
his people from
their sins.

Matthew 1:21

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Christmas Day

December 25, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

To participate in this service, just follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other. Parts marked P are spoken by the pastor, and parts marked C are spoken or sung(🎵) by the congregation.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Organist

Mrs. Cathy Sharrett

Ushers

Team 4 (Ecklund)

Acolyte

Justin Sievers

Greeters

Pittenger family

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The Incarnation Of Our Lord



A Service Of Song And Scripture

Oh Come All Ye FaithfulTLH102:1-2

*1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

The Christmas StoryLuke 2

C: ¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ 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:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ 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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem.....TLH 647:1, 4

*1. 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 darkness shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.*

*4. 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!*

C: ⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing TLH 94:1, 4

*1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim. "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

*4. Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
"Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

C: ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Joy to the WorldTLH 87:1, 3

*1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing.*

*3. No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.*

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. ³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before You like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. ⁴For You have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as You did in the day of Midian. ⁵Every boot that marched in battle and the garments rolled in blood will be burned. They will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a Child is born. To us a Son is given. The authority to rule will rest on His shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷There will be no limit to His authority and no end to the peace He brings. He will rule on David's throne and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from now on, into eternity. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.

The Christmas Collect

Epistle Lesson - Hebrews 1:1-12

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He took His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high. ⁴The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent

than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are My Son. Today I have begotten You? And again: I will be His Father, and He will be My Son. ⁶And again, when He brought His firstborn into the world, He said: Let all God's angels worship Him. ⁷About the angels He says: He makes His messengers winds and His ministers flaming fire. ⁸But about the Son He says: God, Your throne is forever and ever, and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy beyond Your companions. ¹⁰And He says: In the beginning, Lord, You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands. ¹¹They will perish, but You remain. They will all become old like a garment. ¹²You will roll them up like a robe, and they will be changed like a garment. But You are the same, and Your years will never end.

Children's Message and Children's Hymn

*1. Thy little ones, dear Lord are we, And come Thy lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, That we the way to Thee may find.*

*3. Now welcome! From Thy heav'nly home Thou to our vale of tears art come;
Man hath no off'ring for Thee save The stable, manger, cross and grave.*

*6. We gather round Thee, Jesus dear, So happy in Thy presence here;
Grant us, our Savior, ev'ry one, To stand in heav'n before Thy throne.*

Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him everything was made, and without Him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. ⁵The Light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as an eyewitness to testify about the Light so that everyone would believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. ⁹The real Light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹He came to what was His own, yet His own people did not accept Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of

God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen His glory, the glory He has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Christmas Prayers & Prayer Hymn TLH #85

1. *"From heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:*

C: O Lord, As the angels once sang with joy over the darkened fields of Bethlehem, grant us joyful hearts to proclaim the same good news to this world which sits in the darkness of sin.

2. *"To you this night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.*

C: Your very name "Jesus" means "Savior" and You have come to save us from our sins, we praise You for Your birth in a world made dark with sin, giving thanks for the bright light which You have shown upon us through the forgiveness of Your cross.

3. *"This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.*

C: You are the Light of the world who shines upon those who dwell in darkness and upon those who live in the shadow of death. Bring Your words of comfort to those who fear death or who mourn and have not the hope found in Your birth, life, death and resurrection. For those who are dying or are near death, turn their eyes toward the glory of heaven found only in You so that they need not fear death.

4. *"He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.*

C: You are also called “Immanuel” which is “God with us.” We pray that You would be with and sustain those who are in hospitals, nursing homes, or are ill in their own homes. Be near them, Lord Jesus, with the comfort of Your most Holy Word and through the presence of us, their neighbors.

*5. "These are the tokens ye shall mark:
The swaddling-clothes and manger dark;
There ye shall find the Infant laid
By whom the heavens and earth were made."*

C: You also bear the name “Wonderful.” We thank You for the gracious and wonderful gifts You have given to us: the gift of faith, the truth of Your Word, the consolation of Your Sacraments, and the help and comfort we receive from fellow members of Your body, the Church. Help us to not keep these gifts to ourselves, but to spread far and wide the glad tidings of great joy so that Your kingdom may grow and flourish under Your grace.

*6. Now let us all with gladsome cheer
Go with the shepherds and draw near
To see the precious gift of God,
Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.*

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name.

P: Lord God, You are our true Father and have made us Your own children through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son Jesus. Your name is kept holy when we live Christians lives. Help us to do this for Jesus’ sake, Amen.

*7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes!
What is it in yon manger lies?
Who is this Child, so young and fair?
The blessed Christ-child lieth there.*

C: Thy Kingdom come.

P: King of Kings, grant us faith and strengthen our faith that no matter what may happen, we may trust and believe that in Jesus we truly are Your children and that as such, You will lovingly care for us in all things, Amen.

*8. Welcome to earth, Thou noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
Thou com'st to share my misery;
What thanks shall I return to Thee?*

C: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

P: Your Son Jesus obeyed Your will, coming to earth to save us. Help us also to obey Your will. Because we are weak and often fail, we ask You to break and hinder all evil schemes of the devil which would prevent Your will being done. Grant this for Jesus' sake, Amen.

*9. Ah, Lord, who hast created all,
How weak art Thou, how poor and small,
That Thou dost choose Thine infant bed
Where humble cattle lately fed!*

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

P: Lord God, You bless us with all that we need for our bodies and for our lives. Help us to receive these things with joy and gratitude and help us to use these things for the good of our neighbor, Amen.

*10. Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
It yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.*

C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P: Father in heaven, Your Son Jesus came for our forgiveness. Help us to live in that forgiveness and to willingly extend it to those who sin against us, Amen.

*11. For velvets soft and silken stuff
Thou hast but hay and straw so rough,
Whereon Thou, King, so rich and great,
As 'twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.*

C: And lead us not into temptation.

P: Lord God, it is the devil, the world, and our own weak flesh which tempt us to

sin—not You. Watch over us that we not fall into their traps. When we do sin, cause us to flee to Your Son Jesus, Who came to earth for the very purpose of granting us forgiveness, Amen.

*12. And thus, dear Lord, it pleaseth Thee
To make this truth quite plain to me,
That all the world's wealth, honor, might,
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight.*

C: But deliver us from evil.

P: Heavenly Father, save us from all evil of body and soul, of property and honor. And because You sent Jesus into this world to deliver us it, grant that in our end You would graciously take us to heaven to be with You, with Him, and with the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

**C: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

P: We pray to You, not only will hear these petitions, but that You have the wisdom and power to fulfill our every need of body and soul. Mercifully hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*14. My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:*

*15. Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.*

~The Christmas Offering~

Christmas Anthem Church Choir

(ELH 149/128-lyrics reprinted on p. 12)

~Announcements~

Closing Praise—Now Sing We, Now Rejoice..... #92

1. *Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heaven our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!*

2. *Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!*

3. *Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!*

4. *Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heavenly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!*

~Benediction~



CHOIR LYRICS:

*In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart!
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven;
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest; Our bonds Thou breakest.
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely
And stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
Sin and death may well be groaning,
Satan now may well be moaning;
We, our full salvation owning,
Cast our ev'ry care away.
See how God, for us providing,
Gave His Son and life abiding;*

*He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.
Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love or race befriending,
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.
If He is ours We fear no powers,
Nor of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With heart and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him for ever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns for ever: Alleluia!*

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Flowers on the altar this Christmas are given to the glory of God by Mary Erickson in loving memory of her son Mike and for the blessing of Christ's birth.

Handouts on the Chrismons on our tree are available on the back counter under the mailboxes (green paper).

Poinsettias adorning our sanctuary are provided to the glory of God by Bethany members. Special dedications:

<i>By:</i>	<i>In loving memory of/honor of:</i>
<i>Sam & Penny Bell</i>	<i>Thanks for blessings</i>
<i>Dave Dahlke</i>	<i>a blessed Christmas to all</i>
<i>Rick & Roberta Highfill</i>	<i>mom Lorraine Highfill;</i>
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<i>Singleton Family</i>	<i>Franklin Faulkner</i>
<i>Holly Spears</i>	<i>Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior</i>

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