



THE LORD HAS COME

LET *Earth*
Receive
HER *King*





Christmas Eve Service 2021
Communion and Candlelight Service

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Pastor Deb Grismer



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* #283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him, born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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

For unto us a Son is given.

To us a Son is born.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called—

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let us worship the newborn King!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.

Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

Glory to God in the highest:

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!**

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

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 great 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Lord Is Come"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to God and seek God's forgiveness.

Almighty God,

on this Christmas Eve we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and Light. Yet so often we turn from the light of your love to walk in darkness. We sin against you daily in our thoughts, words and actions. In this season of light and love, we often become unkind and impatient with others. We become too busy with our own plans and activities to rejoice in your plan for our salvation revealed on this holy night. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our Light.

God in mercy sent his Son to be our Savior. On this night we celebrate the Light born among us to banish the darkness of sin from our lives. As a called and ordained minister and by God's authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN

"Silent Night"

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**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 your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

PRAYER

Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. As we have been invaded by light, let us shine our lights in the world. As we have been found, let us seek out the lost. As we have been set free, let us set the captives free. May your light bring hope and healing to our world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* #270

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."**

**Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!

Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

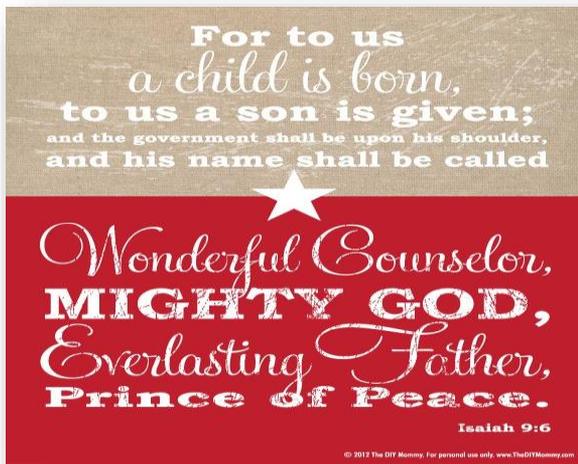
DISMISSAL

Glory to the newborn king. Christ is with you, go in peace. Let your light shine as you serve the Lord.

Okay, we will! Thanks be to God.

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Christmas is not over. Christmas Season has just begun. Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season and beyond.

What's next at OSL?

Sunday, December, December 26 – *“Let Earth Receive Her King” A Belated Christmas Day worship service at 9:30 am followed by potluck. We will also be wishing Pastor Deb Godspeed during worship as she begins her sabbatical on December 27.*

Sunday, January 2 – *“Christmas Season Continues” A worship service filled with Christmas hymns and readings at 9:30 am. Fellowship will follow the service.*

Sunday, January 9 – *“Baptism of Our Lord” We will remember our baptisms as we celebrate Jesus’ baptism. Holy Communion will be a part of the service as well. Fellowship will follow.*

A Reminder

Pastor Deb will be on sabbatical December 27, 2021 – February 27, 2022. Pastor Duane Neugebauer will provide worship leadership and pastoral care as needed. Please contact him to schedule a visit or in case of a pastoral emergency. He can be reached at 303-489-9313.