

Something New This Christmas



Christmas Eve

December 25, 2022

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!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**To all who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has
shined.**

For to us a child is born; to us a son is given.

**And his name will be called, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ;
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal
life.

**For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world
but that the world might be saved through him. Come, let us
adore him; Christ the Lord**

**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!**

CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY

God of love, you are among us in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

You change the darkness of sin and death to the resurrection joy of Easter morning.

*You are the everlasting light that changes all our hopes and fears. **Come in the quiet candlelight of this worship and meet us here tonight.***

*All creation is filled with joyful celebration at the birth of Christ. We worship you, Creator God, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen***

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of Christmas, be born in us tonight.

Help us to clearly hear the voice of angels as they announce your birth, reminding us that you are the light that has come into our darkness. Show us how to respond to your calling to be faithful stewards of all that you have given to us. We pray for peace on earth as it is in heaven, and for justice to reign on earth. Shelter all who are in need of refuge and comfort all who are in mourning. We give you thanks and praise for the birth of Jesus Christ who is the Savior of the world. Amen

HYMN

“Away in the Manger”

#277

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. 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. For 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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For 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. His 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

"Something New this Christmas"

HYMN

Joy to the World

#257

**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**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR CHRISTMAS

On this Christmas Eve, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We give our offerings to our loving God who comes to earth as a child to be with us in a new and personal way. Your gifts for mission and ministry allow our church to bring hope for the future to people in our community and beyond by sharing the word that Jesus forgives our sins and sets us free from sin and death. Thank you for your generosity,

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,

receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.

Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE CONFESSION

Let us pray:

We confess that we have turned away from the light that reveals the truth about us. We hold tightly to the things of this world rather than sharing the gifts you have given to us. We place our trust in ourselves rather than placing our trust in you. Forgive us.

The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." With great joy, I announce to all of us the entire forgiveness of our sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(To avoid dripping the wax, please do not tilt the lighted candle. Hold it upright when giving the light to another.)

HYMN

"Silent Night"

#281

**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

SENDING HYMN *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**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!"**

Refrain

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.**

Refrain

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

DISMISSAL

Go with the love of God and the peace of Christ into this Christmas night! Go with the presence of the Holy Spirit empowering your serving. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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Merry Christmas from our home to yours! I am grateful to be celebrating the birth of our Savior once again with all of you in-the-building and online. Thank you to all who assisted with worship in any way. All of you have added to our Christmas Eve worship.

Pastor Deb Grismer

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 25 – *"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"* Worship at 9:30 am
*A service of celebration as we wish Jesus 'Happy Birthday' once again.
Come in your pj's or Christmas sweaters or whatever you wish to wear to
this birthday party.*

Sunday, January 1 – *Christmas continues into the New Year as we
gather for worship at 9:30 am for a service filled with Christmas songs
and readings.*

Sunday, January 8 – *Baptism of our Lord* – Worship at 9:30 am
*We gather to celebrate the baptism of Jesus and remember our own
baptisms. We will also celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday.*

***Pastor Deb will be offering a 1st Communion Class at 3:30 pm this
Sunday for children (and parents) before they celebrate their First
Communion Milestone and/or for those who would like to learn more
about communion. Please register with Josie, Administrative Assistant,
ahead of time so we can make sure to have enough supplies ready. Call
605-255-4662 or email at osl@mt-rushmore.net.*

Christmas Eve Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we finally approach Christmas tomorrow, let
troubles be far away from us. Father, may the purpose
of this Christmas be fulfilled in our lives in Jesus' name.
Any weapon formed against me and any of my family
this Christmas shall not prosper. We will experience
God's goodness tomorrow on Christmas Day. Please
renew us and take away our sins this Christmas.

Amen