

1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

A Service of Lessons and Carols

The Naming of Jesus

Today's service takes its theme from the Gospel of Luke (2:10-11), focusing on the ways God comes to us in Jesus as Savior (first set of lessons), Christ (second set of lessons), and Lord (third set of lessons).

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTRODUCTION SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:10-21

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION

We gather for worship in the name of our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 8 & Genesis 1

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.” We gather to praise you!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.” We gather to celebrate you!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

And God saw that it was good...” We gather to celebrate our God.

“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.” We gather to worship you!

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
And God saw that it was very good...”**

**We gather to worship our God! All praise, honour, majesty
and power belongs to our Creating God! Amen**

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GATHERING HYMN *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* #275

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and
welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.*

Silence for reflection

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

*With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you
good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the
Lord.”*

*In Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May
you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed,
God's forgiveness is good news of great joy! **Amen.***

GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard On High* #289

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain***

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Eternal Father,

**you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a
sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the
Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

**Part 1: "For unto you is born a *Savior*, who is Christ, the
Lord"**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-21

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD *What Child Is This* #296

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Part 2: "For unto you is born a Savior, who is *Christ*, the Lord"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-3,11

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:19-23,29-34

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD *Joy to the World* #267

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.

Part 3: "For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-35

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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 dark streets shineth the everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.

No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

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!

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

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We give our offerings to our abundant and loving God. When we give generously, our gifts have the power to transform the world we live in. We are ordinary people who have the privilege and calling to partner with God. We become the heart and hands of Christ when we serve others' needs. Thank you for your generosity, all who are giving a gift now and everyone who gives automatically or in other ways. The ushers will now receive our offerings

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, Hear our prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Refrain

#290

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

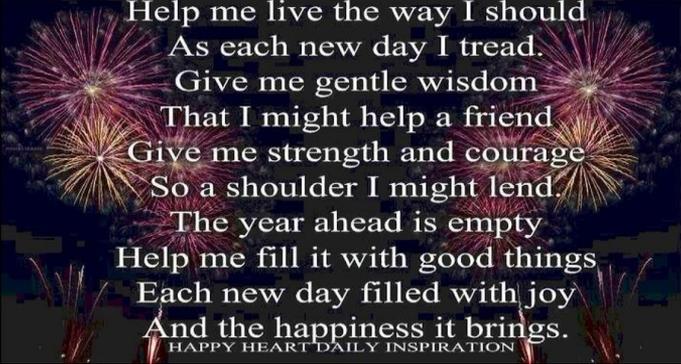
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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NEW YEAR PRAYER



Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend
The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.

HAPPY HEART DAILY INSPIRATION

Sunday, Jan 1st

9:30am Worship in building and live online on Facebook and YouTube

Fellowship following worship

No Sunday Night Live

Monday, Jan 2nd

Church office closed for New Years



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.*

Please Pray For...

******Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Shirley (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Hiram Neiffer (Grandfather of Jana Virtue)

******Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Randy Eley (son of Peg Tesch); Ruth Henrickson (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); Sarah Fischer; John Sunding; Ken (Brother of Cathy Dahl); Rose Bintliff and Kirt Burt (Friends of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-law of Judy Stanley); LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.); Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels; Mike; Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane); Dorothy Wall (Friend of Toni Ramsey)

******Those with on-going concerns, including Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); David Vining; Bob and Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Barbara (Aunt of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

******For our military members and their families

******For our leaders at all levels

******For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far

******For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety

******For those who the holiday season is an especially hard time and for those who walk with them