



THE LORD HAS COME

LET *Earth*
Receive
HER *King*





Belated Christmas Day Service 2021
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Pastor Deb Grismer



*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
John 1:16*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made.

Without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only.

Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing—

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

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.**

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his

holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Let Earth Receive Her King"

HYMN

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.**

**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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SABBATICAL SENDING BLESSING (See insert)

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.**

OFFERING

*Reminder that the offering plate and the Globe offering can be found on
the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for contributing
financially to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran
Church.*

BENEDICTION

Refrain

**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**

*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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*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.*

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 303-489-93



Mission of the Month-Tornado Relief-Lutheran Disaster Response Dec 20-Jan 2

On the night of Dec 10 and early morning of Dec 11, an outbreak of over 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 88 people have reported dead across 5 states, at least 75 of them are in Kentucky. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and in some areas electricity and water systems will take weeks to repair.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop immediate and long-term response plans. Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany survivors until the response is complete.

Your gift will support tornado survivors. Your gift will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes now and during the long road of recovery. Together, we can provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it.

If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for showing your gratitude to homeless veterans in this way.

We are truly blessed to be a blessing.

Sunday, Dec 26th

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

Potluck following worship

No Confirmation

No HS Youth Group

Monday, Dec 27th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec 28th

7:00pm Book study with Chelle via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5182513825?pwd=bzdiQ3EzT2lOVlNlYTlxUzQqOjllOT09>

Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Passcode: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, Dec 29

No DOG Night-Christmas Break

Sunday, Jan 2nd

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

Fellowship following worship





**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Blake Hunsaker; Mike Wacker (Uncle of Chelle Schefcik); Pastor Robin

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including: Matt (Cousin of Jake Borden); Pastor Pam Power; Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Ryan (Nephew of Shelley Martin); Cliff (Friend of Toni Ramsey); Lynzee Makowski (niece of Rebecca Kaiser); Clay Walberg; Esther Downen; Dean Schumacher (Friend of Pastor Deb and Rod); Terry Richie Sr (Brother in law of Russ and Cathy Dahl); Jason Boll (son of Linda Boll); BJ McGuire (Friend of Carmen Lakner; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Bob and Peg Tesch; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer

**For our military members and their families, especially those who are away from home this holiday season.

**For our students and teachers as they approach finals and ends of semesters.

**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

**For our leaders at every level

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



Poinsettias for Christmas have been displayed to honor the memory of some loved ones:

Larry VanDreissen

Rick VanDreissen

John and Nell VanDreissen

Daniel and Joyce Sterad

Book Study Opportunity

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race

By Debby Irving

Tuesdays at 7 pm MST

Via Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

***All ages and genders are welcome to join in discussion as we read this book together eBooks can be purchased through various sellers.**

Sabbatical Sending Blessing

INTRODUCTION

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Pastor Deb and ask for God's blessings as we send her for Sabbatical rest. We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for her and for our congregation, and we ask that God to bring her and Rod back to our community refreshed and nourished with God's Spirit as we seek to Glorify God with our gifts to serve all.

READINGS

A reading from Exodus: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

And again from Exodus: I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

From the Gospel according to Matthew: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray.

SABBATICAL LEAVE-TAKING LITANY

We wish Godspeed to Pastor Deb as she begins her sabbatical.

As you journey, God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

Pastor Deb: God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.

God fill you with the Holy Spirit as you study, rest, reconnect with family and refill your soul.

Pastor Deb: I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

Pastor Deb: I pray that you, too, might be renewed and energized to serve in God's name.

We send you with our blessing.

Pastor Deb: God's peace be with you as I leave to walk in a different way. You will be in my prayers as the ministry to which this congregation has been called continues.

Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Pastor Deb during her sabbatical. Renew her for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace her with your presence and keep her steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another. Be with our congregation as we do ministry together in some different ways. Continue to fill us with your spirit and guide us as we share your love and proclaim the good news through our words and our actions. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

