

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT

December 21, 2022



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JESUS

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Mary and Joseph set out for Bethlehem a couple days ago. With Mary in late-term pregnancy they're doing well to cover 15 miles each day. Having begun their journey at Nazareth in Galilee, they are now in northern Samaria. By Saturday they should reach Bethlehem, where the Son of God in human flesh will be born.

Christmas – the birth of Jesus – is now only days away. Advent - the season of awaiting his coming - is nearly over!

Tonight, we sing of the coming Savior!

(Congregation selects 2 songs from LSB, Advent 331-357 or Redeemer 508-516)

HYMN #1 _____

As the hymn is sung, the candles of the Advent wreath and/or on the altar are lighted.

HYMN #2 _____

FIRST READING

P A reading from Luke, the second chapter. (Luke 2:1-6)

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

In This Precious Baby Boy

DIX

Lisa M. Clark

Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



1 In this pre - cious ba - by boy, We are giv - en
2 God's own chil - dren, we have strayed, Con - stant - ly have
3 Through this ba - by in the hay, God has giv - en



peace and joy. By the Spir - it, hope is won—
dis - o - beyed In the gar - den, in the sand,
us the Way To in - her - it life a - bove,



Mar - y bore the Fa - ther's Son. Son of God and
Through the riv - er, in the Land. But the Child who
Res - cued by His per - fect love. In this Child, we



Son of Man: He ful - fills the ho - ly plan.
takes our place Bears the cross to earn us grace.
all may be Chil - dren of e - ter - ni - ty.

SECOND READING

P A reading from Matthew, the third chapter.
(Matthew 3:16-17)

¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

P Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time sent your Son to become man, to assume human flesh like ours and become our Brother, we thank you for your truth and your fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior. By his birth, death and resurrection, we are delivered from sin, death, Satan and hell. We beseech you, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that with the holy angels, we may rejoice at his nativity, and on the Last Day, when he comes again, we may behold him, together with you and the Holy Spirit, in glory and majesty, world without end; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.**

HYMN #3 _____

HYMN #4 _____

SERMON JESUS

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

Psalm 146:5

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

HYMN #5 _____

HYMN #6 _____

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM
(4:00 PM will be live-streamed)

Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 9:30 AM (one service w/communion)

New Year's Day

January 1 at 9:30 AM (one service)

Joy
to
the
World

The text 'Joy to the World' is rendered in a highly decorative, calligraphic script. The word 'Joy' is at the top, followed by 'to' and 'the' in a smaller, simpler font, and 'World' at the bottom. The letters are thick and black, with elegant, sweeping flourishes extending from the top of 'Joy' and the bottom of 'World'. Five solid black stars are scattered around the text: one near the top left, one near the top right, one to the left of 'to', one to the right of 'the', and one below 'World'.