

King of Kings Lutheran Church



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HOLY NIGHT

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas Eve)
“God Gives Generously”

December 24, 2022
2:00, 4:00, 7:00 pm

As We Gather

There are few nights which can rival Christmas Eve – the familiar carols, the sparkling lights of the tree, the family gatherings, and the precious story all combine to fill us with special joy and peace. This night has become so identified with Christianity that a whole world pauses to celebrate. The only problem is that we easily forget what we are celebrating. The celebration becomes the focus instead of the good news of God come to earth in the flesh and blood of our humanity to redeem us sinners from our sin and death and to lead us home to our Father in heaven. Tonight, let us pause to read, sing, and give honest reflection to what God has given so generously in Jesus!

Preservice Music

Welcome

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand as you are able)


Opening Hymn

Joy to the World


LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Invocation and Opening Prayer

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.
- P** Heavenly Father, with joy we enter into the contemplation of the infinitely generous gift of Jesus for us and our salvation. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to believe, and our mouths to proclaim the glory of Him who took our human flesh and blood through the blessed virgin in order to suffer and die in our place. Prepare our hearts to be fitting mangers to cradle the Prince of Peace that He may dwell in us and we in Him today and throughout all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

{Silence for prayer}

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Merciful Father, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who paid for our sin with His own life on the cross. Forgive us for our past and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may serve You in holiness and righteousness from this moment on. Set our feet upon the path of a generous life that we may freely give as you have given to us. May we always be found faithful until Jesus comes again.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.
- P** May the gift of peace that is ours in Christ, our Lord, be yours now and always.

C And also with you.

Peace *[We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.] Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

[\(Please be seated\)](#)

✠ WORD ✠

- Psalm** Psalm 96

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

ALL: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
- Women:** Declare His glory among the natioins, His marvelous works among all peoples!

Men: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

ALL: Spendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- Women: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!*

Men: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!
- P** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

ALL: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”
- Women:** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Men: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for HE comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

P He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Hymns of Praise

(Introduction)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367, sts. 1 & 2

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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(Interlude)

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368, sts. 1 & 3

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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(Interlude)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380, sts. 1 & 3

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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(Interlude)

(Please stand as you are able for the Trinitarian verse)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367, st. 5



△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



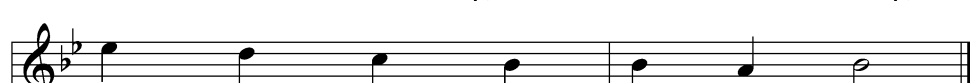
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the gift of that Light on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in this life and in the life to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

(4:00) Choir Anthem - Glory to God in the Highest Heaven

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2-7

(The prophet proclaims the birth of a son who is given as our Wonderful Counselor.)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

(The grace of God been given through our Savior, Jesus Christ.)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Verse - O Come, O Come Emmanuel - *Guitar & Solo Voice*

Holy Gospel *(The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.)*

Luke 2:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Verse

Go Tell It On the Mountain

LSB 388

Verse 1 – Guitar & Solo voice only
Verse 2 – **2:00 & 7:00** – Guitar & Solo voice only
4:00 – Choir Only with great enthusiasm
Verse 3 – Everyone sings with great enthusiasm!

3 Down in a lone-ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born;
And God sent us sal-va-tion That bless-ed Christ-mas morn.
Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;
Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born!

Refrain

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of Response From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *LSB 358, sts. 8 & 15*

8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to
sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with
mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

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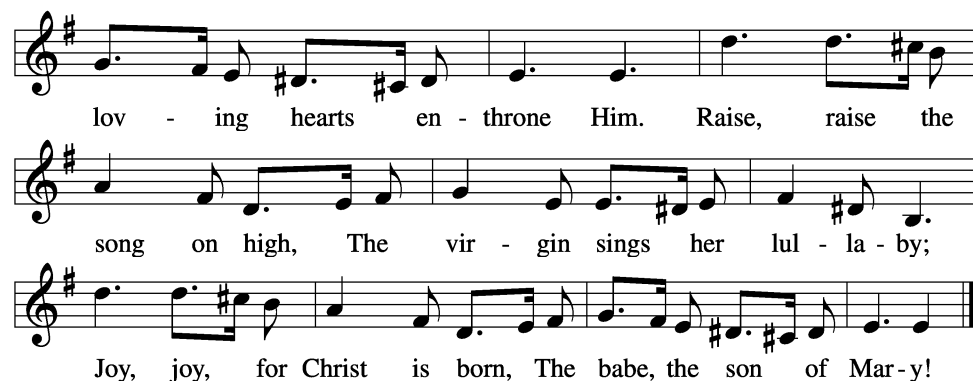
Offering

2:00 – Solo – Gordon Russell
4:00 – Solo
7:00 – Piano Duet – Pachelbel's Noel - Cole Doty & Gordon Russell

(Please stand as you are able as offering is brought forward)

Offertory Hymn What Child Is This *LSB 370, st. 3*

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O blessed Lord and gift of God, open our eyes to behold, our minds to receive, and our hearts to believe the treasure of grace that is come to us in the birth of Your own Son in flesh and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O gracious Giver and precious Gift, enlighten the darkness of our lives and bring Your joy to our down cast hearts, that we may be renewed in body and soul and walk in Your generous light all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O hidden God who has revealed to us Yourself in Your Son, keep us from searching for another or seeking truth beyond the Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life for us and for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O merciful God, forgive our sins and especially the casual way we treat the precious gift of Your only Son. Strengthen our conviction and equip us with courage to do Your bidding, to generously share the Good News of Jesus, and proclaim His salvation to every people in every place. Bless Matthew Harrison presiding in Synod, Brian Saunders our District President, and our pastors that they faithfully lead us in the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O mighty Lord, bring an end to the war and violence that threaten nations and people. Raise up good and honest leaders who will work for peace, justice, and freedom

for all. Bless our own president, Congress, and state and local leaders. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O compassionate Lord, we are broken, wounded, and live in the shadow of death. Give healing to the sick, comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the dying that all who call upon Your name may be renewed in body and soul, sustained in the day of trouble, and kept by Your grace to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P O kind and giving Lord, teach us generosity of heart that we may return to You the tithes and offerings as grateful people and guide us to use the many resources You have entrusted to us on behalf of all the poor and those in need. Lord, in You mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

The Lighting of the Candles

P As the light of these candles illumine our faces, they symbolize the Light of Christ, a child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice for the Light of the World has come, He transforms us with the brightness of His glory into His generous servants

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
C And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

(The pastor takes the light from the Christ candle and gives to the assistants. They pass the light on to the congregation. Tip only the unlighted candle. Do not tip the lighted candle to avoid dripping the wax! Hold the candles straight up and the wax will not drip. Thank you.)

Solo - 2:00 - Piano Solo - Gordon Russell
Solo - 4:00 - Solo - Catherine Russell
Duet - 7:00 - O Holy Night - Sheila Monson

Hymn Silent Night LSB 363

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

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Verse 2 - 2:00 & 7:00 - soloist
4:00 - Choir

Verse 3 - Everyone

3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
love's pure light Ra - diantbeams from Thy ho - ly face
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

P O God, as the light of the gift of Jesus shines brightly in our hearts this Christmas, may Your peace continue to comfort and strengthen us that we may live generously. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray.

C Amen.

P The Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen! Glory to God in the Highest! And peace to His people on earth!

(Please extinguish the candles holding them upright until they cool.)

Recessional Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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Come and Join Us For Worship!

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2022 - 9:30 am (one service with communion)

New Year's Day

January 1, 2023 - 9:30 am (one service with communion)

