



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Saturday, December 24, 2022

7:00 pm



## PRELUDES

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*Once in Royal David's City*

*O Holy Night*

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Still, Still, Still*

*Prince of Peace*

Wilbur Held

Robert Bucklee Farley

Adolphe Adam

David Cherwein

Paul Manz

Bill Ingram

*Redeemer Ringers*



## ✠ GATHERING ✠

<We stand.>

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

**See Insert**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together...

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

<We sit.>

## ✠ WORD ✠

### THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of heavenly forces will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

**What Star is This?**

**Jay Althouse**

### THE SECOND LESSON

TITUS 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical, and godly lives right now by rejecting ungodly lives and the desires of this world. At the same time, we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us in order to rescue us from every kind of lawless behavior and cleanse a special people for himself who are eager to do good actions.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*<We stand.>*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Once in Royal David's City**

**See Insert**

## **GOSPEL**

## **LUKE 2:1-20**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors." When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*<We sit.>*

**AS THE CHILDREN COME FORWARD**

**Away in a Manger**

**See Insert**

*verse 1*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Away in a Manger**

**SERMON**

*verse 3*

*<We stand.>*

**NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the Third Day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*<We kneel.>*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition will end with 'God of grace,' the appropriate response is 'receive our prayer.'*

*<We stand.>*

**THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

<We stand.>

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### OFFERTORY 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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

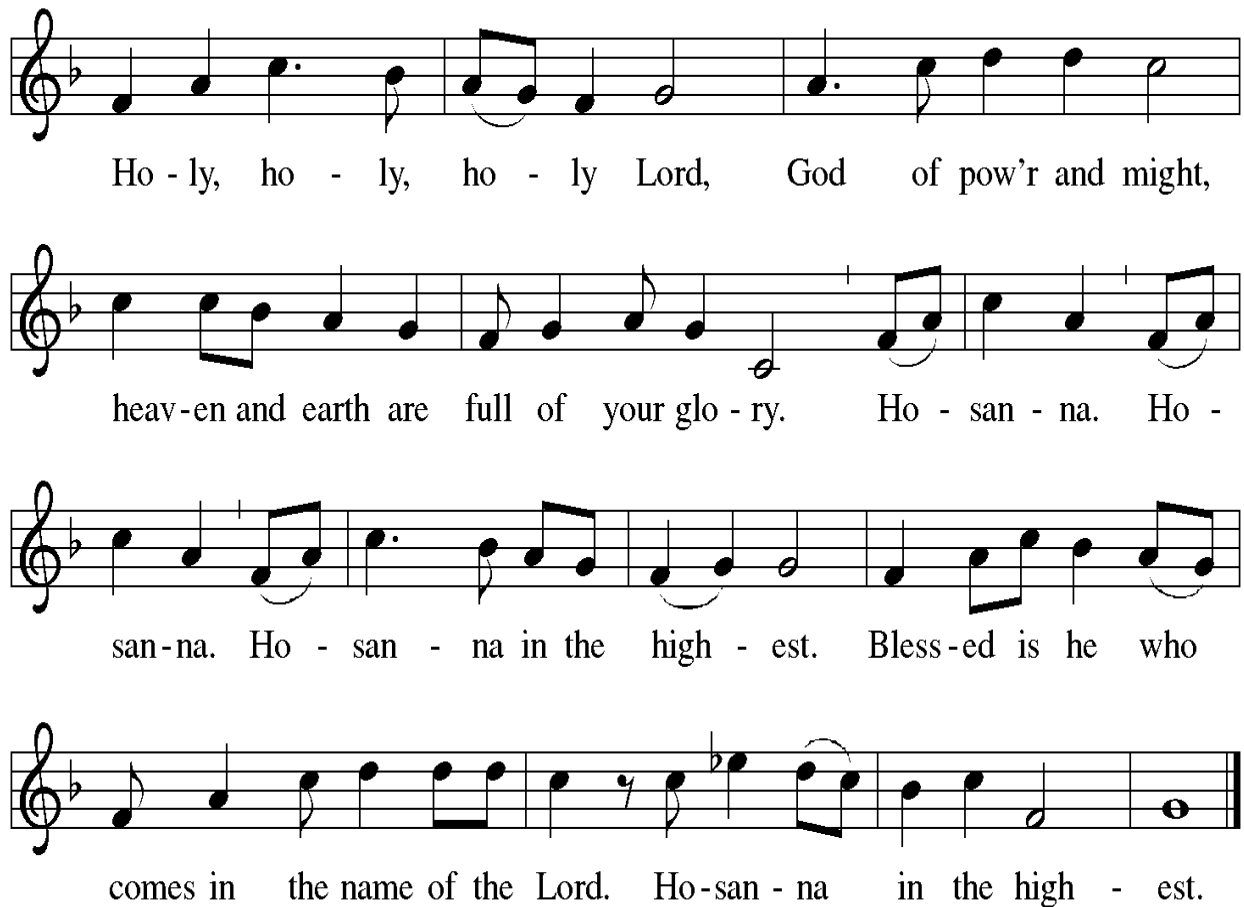
### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the shadow and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

*<We sit.>*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

### **COMMUNION**

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**     *Hurry Over Clouds and Heavens*     *Thomas Keesecker*

*<We stand.>*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

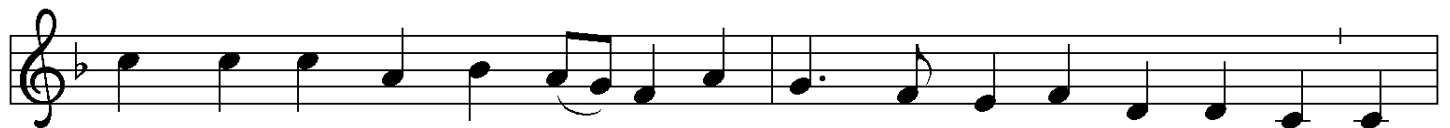
**Amen.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Candle Lighting Service

*After the communion blessing the lights in the church are extinguished. The pastor, taking a candle, lights it from the candle which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. Then the minister says:*

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overtake it.

**The darkness will never overtake it.**

*The pastor gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first worshiper in each pew, who passes it on. For safety's sake, when sharing the light with another, **the lighted candle is always held upright.***

*A short reading will be read as the candles are being lit.  
After all candles are lighted, the service continues.*

**CANDLELIGHT HYMN**

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

**See Insert**

**✝ SENDING ✝**

**SUNG BLESSING**

In the name of the Father.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

**In the name of the Father.**

**May the Lord bless and keep you.**

In the name of the Son.

May God's face shine upon you.

**In the name of the Son.**

**May God's face shine upon you.**

In the name of the Spirit.

May God's blessings be with you.

**In the name of the Spirit.**

**May God's blessings be with you.**

The Three-in-One.

And give you peace.

**The Three-in-One.**

**And give you peace.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**See Insert**

**DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest!

**Peace to God's people on earth!**

Christ is Born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere!

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

David Cherwein

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# Worship Leadership

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Reverend Matthew Titus
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<b>Organist</b>	Huger Caughman, Jr.
<b>Crucifer</b>	Mafra Kemper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Miriam Titus
<b>Bible Bearer</b>	Jacob Chapman
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Zoe Reid, Dennis Caughman
<b>Banner Bearer</b>	McKenzie Garner
<b>Video</b>	Matt Bowers
<b>Audio</b>	Claire Grosshuesch, Annette Belcher
<b>Ushers</b>	Members of Congregation Council

## Announcements

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this evening. If you have any questions or need any assistance, just ask!

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Huger Caughman, Jr. and his birthday on December 26th by Huger, Anne, Kristin and Dennis Caughman, Jr.

**SERVICE SUNDAY MORNING:** We will gather this Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am for a worship of Lessons and Carols.

