

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**The Nativity of Our Lord — Christmas Day
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*Soli Deo Gloria!***

Our Worship Today

Welcome! Merry Christmas! God's gifts of hope, joy and peace are yours this day in the birth of our Savior, and the salvation He was born to win! We count it a joy and privilege to celebrate this most holy day with you! We pray that the message of our Savior's birth, and the work He came to accomplish will strengthen you in faith and empower you to live in response to His grace!

Prayer Before Worship Almighty God, grant that the birth of your one and only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Our Songs

CW	55	"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"
CW	12	"Hark The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"
CW	50	"Once In Royal David's City"
CW	36	"A Great And Mighty Wonder"
CW	67	"What Child Is This"
CW	63	"Angels We Have Heard On High"
CW	38	"From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"
CW	42	"Come Your Hearts And Voices Raising"
CW	62	"Joy To The World"

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist and Choir Director
Accompanist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Sharon Martin
Wally Jordan and Larry Martin

Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

Opening Hymn

CW 55 "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

P: Oh Lord, Open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: Sing to the Lord, praise His name;

C: Proclaim His salvation day after day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;

C: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song;

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P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

P: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

C: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

P: For He comes to judge the world in righteousness

C: And the peoples in His truth.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song;

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that the new birth of Your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

CW 12 “Hark The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes“

P: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

C: **He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.**

P: A star will come out of Jacob;

C: **A scepter will rise out of Israel.**

P: The Lord Himself will give you a sign:

C: **The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

C: **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: But you, Bethlehem Ephratha, though you are small among the clans of Judah,

C: **Out of you will come for me One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.**

Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going

to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God.” ³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

Hymn

CW 50 “Once In Royal David’s City“

Lesson

Mathew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Hymn

CW 36 “A Great And Mighty Wonder“

Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

P: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

C: (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

P: And everyone went to his own town to register.

C: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

P: While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

C: And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn

CW 67 "What Child Is This"

Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Hymn

CW 63 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

P: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

C: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

P: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

C: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

P: And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

C: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

P: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Hymn

CW 38 "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"

Verses 1-7

P: When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

C: To redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

P: The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,

C: That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

P: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for Your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

C: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Hymn

CW 42 "Come Your Hearts And Voices Raising"

The Christmas Message

The Christmas Offering

Choir Anthem

“Oh How Joyfully/God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

Thank Offering Prayer

Christmas Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Hymn

CW 62 “Joy To The World”

Silent Prayer

Announcements