

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

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# Our Worship Tonight

**Welcome!** We live by faith, not by sight. We live not for this world, but for the world to come. As believers in an unbelieving world, we are very unusual – so very unlike the world around us. We need encouragements to continue in the Christian faith and to remember that both faith and the promises it clings to are purely from God’s grace. We pray your faith is strengthened during our Christmas hymn festival!

## **5th Candle - (white) The Christ Candle**

*The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!* “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” ~ John 1:29

**Our Songs** CW 341 “Crown Him With Many Crowns“  
CW 15 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding“  
CW 34 “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice“  
CW 6 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus“  
CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emanuel”  
CW 62 “Joy To The World”  
CW 47 “Behold, A Branch Is Growing”  
CW 36 “A Great And Mighty Wonder”  
CW 68 “Away In A Manger”  
CW 63 “Angels we Have Heard On High”  
CW 67 “What Child Is This”  
CW 60 “Silent Night! Holy Night”  
Choir Anthem

**Psalm** Psalm 98

## **Serving In Worship Tonight**

Minister  
Organist and Accompanist  
Choir Director  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
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# Soli Deo Gloria! Order of Worship

## Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

## Opening Hymn

CW 341 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

## Greeting

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## Confession and Absolution

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

## Hymn

CW 15 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

*Verses 1 & 2*

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## Hymn

CW 34 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

**P:** Loving Father, You are faithful in Your promises and tender in Your compassion. Hear the cries of all who call on You for mercy, and satisfy their needs according to Your gracious purpose; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# The Savior Foretold

## Lesson

Genesis 3:15

*Our first parents hear the good news – the Protevangel*

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.

## Hymn

CW 6 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

## Lesson

Isaiah 7:13-14

*A virgin will give birth to Immanuel*

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.”

## Hymn

CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P: The LORD has made his salvation known;

**C: And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

P: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

**C: Burst into jubilant song with music;**

P: Make music to the LORD with the harp,

**C: With the harp and the sound of singing,**

P: With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—

**C: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

P: Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

**C: The world, and all who live in it.**

P: Let the rivers clap their hands,  
**C: Let the mountains sing together for joy;**  
P: Let them sing before the LORD,  
**C: For he comes to judge the earth.**  
P: He will judge the world in righteousness  
**C: And the peoples with equity.**

## Hymn

CW 62 "Joy To The World"

## Lesson

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

*The Prince of Peace will rule on David's throne forever*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

## Hymn

CW 47 "Behold, A Branch Is Growing"

*Verses 1 & 2*

# The Savior Comes

## Lesson

**Luke 1:26-38**

*Mary receives the news*

Pastor: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

**Men: The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

Pastor: Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

**Men: But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and**

**you are to give him the name Jesus.**

Pastor: 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

**Women:** *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

**Men:** **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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All:** ***For nothing is impossible with God."***

**Women:** *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

## Hymn

CW 36 "A Great And Mighty Wonder"

*Verses 1 & 4*

## Lesson

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*Joseph receives the news*

Pastor: 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.

**Men:** **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.**

Pastor: But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said.

**Men:** **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.**

**Women:** *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."*

Pastor: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
**Women: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" —which means, "God with us."**

Pastor: When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

**Men: But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.**

## Choir Anthem

"Glory to God the Angels Sing"

*Choir sings verses and Congregation and choir sings refrain*

## Lesson

**Luke 2:1-7**

Jesus Is Born

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. 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. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Hymn

CW 68 "Away In A Manger"

## Lesson

**Luke 2:8-14**

*The angel announces the news*

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great

company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “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**

*“Let’s go to Bethlehem”*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 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 67 “What Child Is This”

## **Christmas Message**

## **Offering**

## **Prayers**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

## **Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **Hymn**

CW 60 “Silent Night! Holy Night”

## Choir Anthem

### “Glory to God the Angels Sing”

Choir Sings:

Low in a humble manger, Little Lord Jesus lay,  
Watched by the virgin mother, There on a bed of hay;  
Keeping her loving vigil, Far from the worldly throngs,  
When thru the night came ringing Glorious angel songs.

**Congregation and Choir Sings:**

**Glory to God, the angels sing, Praises to Christ, the new born King,  
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men, Hear we the angels sing again,  
Glory to God, the angels sing; Praise to Christ, the newborn King,  
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men, good will to men.**

Choir Sings:

Little the loving mother, Dreamed of its meaning then.  
How He should die on Calv'ry, Die for the sins of men;  
Down thru the weary ages, Out from that manger bed,  
Streams all the light of heaven, Soon o'er the world to spread.

**Congregation and Choir Sings:**

**Glory to God, the angels sing, Praises to Christ, the new born King,  
Peace be on earth, goodwill to men, Hear we the angels sing again,  
Glory to God, the angels sing; Praise to Christ, the newborn King,  
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