



*To you is
born this
day a* **Savior**
LUKE 2:11

*Christ &
Lord*

Christmas Day

December 25, 2020

10:00 am Worship

St. Martin's Lutheran Church + Archbold, Ohio

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2020

✠ *Nativity of Our Lord* ✠

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore...Savior, Christ, Lord.

LBW indicates hymns found in the green hymnal
Regular text is spoken by the Pastor or Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

– arr. by Dan Miller

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see—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 Christ, the Lord" (*Luke 2:10-11*).

As we gather, we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love.

We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.



***OPENING HYMN**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choir of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

“For unto you is born a SAVIOR, who is Christ, the Lord”

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 12:2-6

²“See, *God has come to save me*. I will trust in him and not be afraid.

The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.”

³With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!

⁴In that wonderful day you will sing: “Thank the LORD! Praise his name!

Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is!

⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things.

Make known his praise around the world.

⁶Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy!

For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you.”

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 1:18-21

¹⁸This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for *he will save his people from their sins.*”

Word of God come down to us.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

RESPONSE (sung) **Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is *CHRIST*, the Lord”

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 61:1-3, 11

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD *has anointed me* to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

²He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD’s favor has come, and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies.

³To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.

¹¹The Sovereign LORD will show his justice to the nations of the world.

Everyone will praise him! His righteousness will be like a garden in early spring, with plants springing up everywhere.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:29-34

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ ³¹I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. ³³I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the *Chosen One* of God.”

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

RESPONSE (sung) **Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the LORD”

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:26-35

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Word of God come down to us.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

RESPONSE (sung) **Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him. Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on those who struggle,
and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament
that we may share your light to all the world.**

Additional prayer petitions are offered here...concluding with:

By your grace, transform our prayers from words to deeds. With Mary and Joseph, teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus, and with shepherds and angels, lead us to praise his holy name.

Amen

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*We share God's peace with the words "Peace be with you"*)

HYMN

"What Child Is This?"



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of all and source of life, at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world. On this Christmas Day, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your sons and daughters.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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, and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

All praise and glory are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

***BLESSING**

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

Amen

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence, and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Strengthened by this sacrament, send us from this place so that we might share Christ's love with the entire world, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

Amen

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain

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!

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

*BENEDICTION

Let us go from this place proclaiming that we have seen the glory of God.

**Believing that there is a light that shines in the darkness
which the darkness cannot overcome.**

May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth,
bring joy to our hearts this day and always.

May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for us,
fill our lives with love and peace.

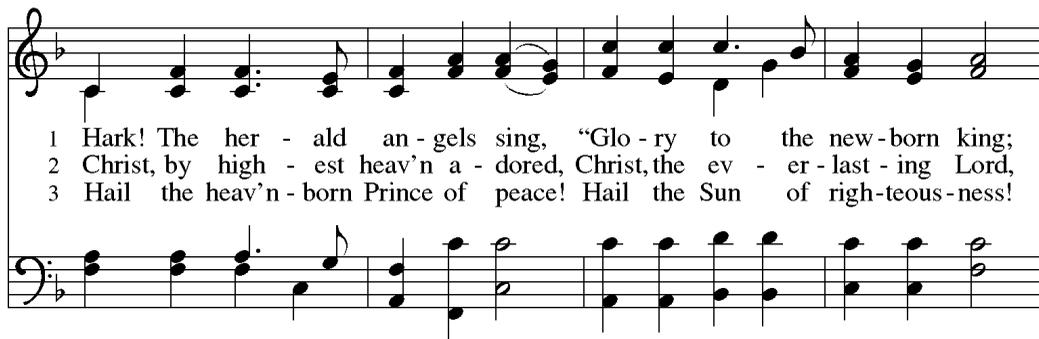
May Emmanuel, God with us, be with us in all of our celebrations,
until he brings us into his eternal kingdom.

And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and
forever.

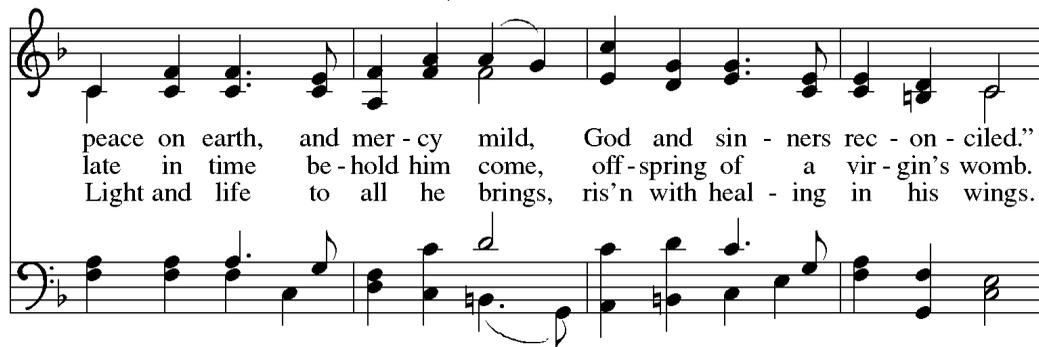
Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”



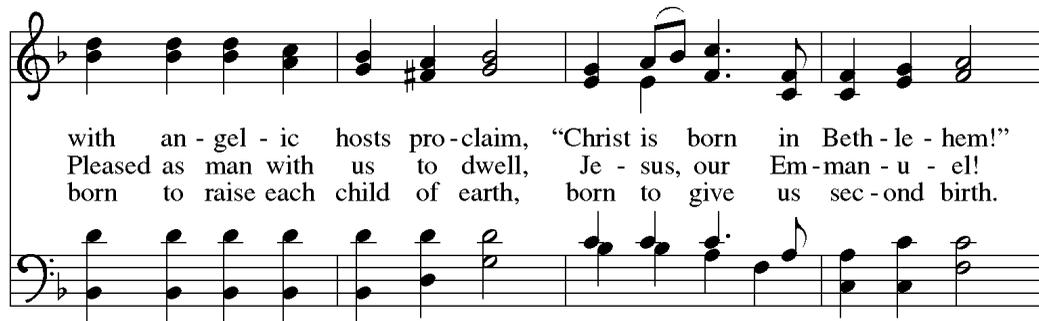
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time, be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

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

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The music ends with a double bar line.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Gloria" – arr. Jason Payne

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 Worship Leaders: Jen Basselman, Jim Wyse, Janet Wyse
 Organist: Steve Basselman

**Thank you to all who shared your Poinsettias with us this Christmas . . .
You may take yours home if you are here for worship today. Please check
with Janet Wyse before you take one.**

Clare Badenhop in memory of Elden Badenhop

Pat Basselman in honor of Pastor Paul, Deacon Steve and all
others who gave a special effort to help St. Martin's through this
pandemic

Steve & Jen Basselman in appreciation to all those who served in
the music and worship ministries the last 9 months

Jeff & Jo Ann Benecke in memory of Dexter, Janis & Melissa Benecke; Joseph &
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