

WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR NEWBORN KING

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "*OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL*"

379

CHRISTMAS INVOCATION & PRAISE (Responsive)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

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

P: A Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

PRAYER (by all)

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, wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN: "*GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*"

vs 1&2 # 388

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: 1John 4:7-16

HYMN: "*IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR*"

vs 1&2 # 366

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: "Luther's Nativity" Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: (4:30)– Organ Medley

(7:00) – Choir: "He Is Born The Divine Christ Child"

THE PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(a brief silence)

P: For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray

Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P: For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.**

P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.**

P: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.**

P: Rejoicing in Your birth and trusting in Your mercy, O Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray.

C: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

(7:00pm) Sunday School Children: "Bring A Torch Isabella"

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-5:

HYMN: "*O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM*"

vs 1&2 # 361

Luke 2:6-7:

HYMN: "*WHAT CHILD IS THIS*"

vs 1&2 # 370

Luke 2:8-12:

HYMN: "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" vs 1&2 # 368

Luke 2:13-14:

HYMN: "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" vs 1&2 # 380

Luke 2:15-20:

HYMN: "AWAY IN A MANGER" vs 1&2 # 364

The large candle is lighted from the Christ Candle in the Advent Wreath, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world. The ushers light their candles from this candle, then light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another. (Worshippers watch pastor to raise and lower candles and to extinguish)

HYMN: "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT" # 363

BENEDICTION:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in His light and truth and love now and forever.

C: Amen

The candles are extinguished.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "JOY TO THE WORLD" # 387

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SUPPLIED THE POINSETTIAS FOR BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR ALTAR: Ron & Mary Beaber, Georgette Callahan, Joe & Carol Carlos, Ione Comstock, Glenn & Sharon Franze, Virginia Glotzhofer, Carol Haupt, Erwin & Gudrun Janke, Sammy Jollay, Carolyn Jordan, Charles & Betty Keller, Bob & Dottie LaMere, Erv & Betty Maki, Charles & Elaine Malecki, Pat Petersen, Shirley Peterson, Carolyn & Don Plesner, Steve & Lee Procuk, Ed & Carol Sheahan, Carol & Russ Spooner, Earl & Avis Stuck, Marie Talley, and Dick & Ann Voelker.

If you ordered a poinsettia you may take it home with you for your enjoyment over the holidays **after** the **7:00 PM Worship tonight or Christmas Day**. Thank you

WELCOME to those who have come to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior today.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Thursday, December 25, 2008 – 9:15AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday December 31, 2008 – 7:00PM



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2008

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM

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