

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
CHRISTMAS DAY - December 25, 2021

Anthem: "Birthday of a King"

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful *sts. 1, ref, 2-4*

1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: *Refrain*

*ref O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest: *Refrain*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Call to Worship (From 2 Cor. 13:14 and John 1:1-18)

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

C **Amen.**

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C **He was with God in the beginning.**

P Through him all things were made.

C **Without him nothing was made that has been made.**

P In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

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

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

C **We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only.**

P Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C **From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

P The Law was given through Moses.

All: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ!

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we**

have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

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

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 52:7–10*

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Antem: What Child is This?

Epistle *Hebrews 1:1–6*

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day *John 1:14*

Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 1:1–18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

384 Of the Father’s Love Begotten

- 1 Of the Father’s love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time, Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets, Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.
- 4 O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev’ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
- D 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right**

hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church Offering

369 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

- 1 Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me, But there is room and welcome there for me.
- 2 In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
A still, small voice to cry one day for me, A still, small voice to cry one day for me.
- 3 How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
- 4 Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me, To die, to live, and not alone for me

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus for Christmas: 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

- 1 Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, Angels singing, Bells are ringing,
Tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping, Vigil till the morning new, Saw the glory,
Heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei for Christmas: 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born *sts. 3, 6-7*

- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came, To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours, His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim, Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing, To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain
ref Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him
come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second
birth. *Refrain*

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

- 3 How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still, The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Nunc Dimittis

- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your
only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon
and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule
our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

387 Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow, Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

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