



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
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Worship Service:

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

Those serving in December

Pastor: Daniel Provost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem **LSB 361**

Stand

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon; Psalm 2:6-7*

The LORD said to me,

“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,

the world and those who dwell therein.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD

and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

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.

The LORD said to me,

“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

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HYMN

Away in a MangerLSB 364

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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the
LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Titus 3:4-7*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior
appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and
renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus
Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become
heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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SERMON HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory **LSB 367**

SERMON by Pastor Provost

“Bethlehem Was Special” *Micah 5:2-5a*

Stand

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O Come, All Ye Faithful (Instrumental) **LSB 379**

Let All Together Praise Our God **LSB 389**

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HYMN

Silent Night**LSB 363**

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER

-  Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
-  the light no darkness can overcome.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C and the day is almost over.

P Let Your Light scatter the darkness

C and illuminate Your Church.

P Joyous light of glory;

C of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worth of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen

(Please extinguish your candles at this time.)

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CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World LSB 387

Divine Service, Setting three from Lutheran Service Book

God's Blessings to all and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day Worship Service

@ 9:00am on December 25.

Please join us!

Remember in your prayers.....

- † Dee Petersen, medical tests on her lungs
- † Stephanie Wellik, medical concerns
- † Mica Vahl, daughter of Marsha Duca, recovering at home after being hospitalized in Chicago
- † Karen Doak, recovering from surgery
- † Dina “Katie” Burmeister, granddaughter to Marilyn Mertz, struggling with cancer
- † Randy Ervin, recovering from his second knee surgery
- † Lori Faas, sister-in-law to Tim and Donita Huegel, breast cancer
- † Nancy Chapman-Deterich, mother of Gail Hartz, under hospice care
- † Jane Chaplin, Loretta Tool’s sister, living in Texas, medical issues
- † Jeromy Van Baale, son of Carol Twedt, for heart and lung issues
- † James Moses, struggling with cancer
- † Pastor Jerry Doellinger, recovering from his kidney transplant with his donor kidney working beyond expectations
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- † Those afflicted by the strife in Ukraine, as well as those who are indirectly affected by these events

Our Missionaries

James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay
Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Phillip Magness, West & Central Africa
Rev. Philip & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph,
Uruguay



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