



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Family Christmas Worship Sunday

December 18, 2022 9:30am

The Christmas Story



ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of

Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

Pre-service music on piano by Mrs. Jennifer Kirk

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

Psalm 24

- P** **The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**
- I** *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?*
- II** *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.*
- G** **Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
- I** *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*
- II** *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*
- I** *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*
- II** *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!*

C **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.**

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

**CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **CHORUS**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **CHORUS**

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **CHORUS**

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Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.
- C** **Eternal God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and that sin is ever-present in our lives. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin. Redirect and renew us, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, guide us in ways of compassion and love.**
- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Welcome to Our Interactive Christmas Pageant!

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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

Chorus

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ, the Lord

2. The highest most holy
Light of light eternal
Born of a virgin
A mortal He comes
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing **Chorus**

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above
Glory to God,
glory in the highest **Chorus**

Mary and Joseph

Song – “Be Born in Me” sung by Esther Kaufmann

The Animals

“Away in the Manger”

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Angels

"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
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the God-head see
Hail th' incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen 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
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Shepherds

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

**CHORUS: Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born**

1. While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light **CHORUS**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth **CHORUS**

3. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn **CHORUS**

The Magi (Wise People) and the Star

“We Three Kings”

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

***CHORUS: O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light***

Born a King on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign ***CHORUS***

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising gladly raising
Worshipping God on high ***CHORUS***

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb ***CHORUS***

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies ***CHORUS***

Conclusion

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

2. Joy to the world! 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. 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

Thank You EVERYONE who helped with the pageant!!!

Offering – DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card **so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord God, You promised the virgin-born Son, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith gladly to receive Your Son in the signs where He is present: not in signs of our own choosing, but in the Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, preserve Your apostolic Gospel and its ministers. Cause the name and the resurrection of Christ Jesus to be proclaimed among all the nations, including among us who are called to belong to Him, that the obedience of faith may be brought about in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, it is Your will that we live chaste and decent lives in all that we say and do. Preserve all couples who are engaged to be married in faithfulness and honor, that they may come to their wedding day without fear, shame or disgrace. Since Christ is Immanuel, who saves His people from their sins, clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Jesus, in which all can stand before You cleansed and confident of Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You do not bear with the tiresome flattery and unbelief of kings and rulers forever. Have mercy on us, Lord, and spare our nation. Clear away all empty shows of piety and renew genuine faith in the virgin's Son, that His coming at the last may not be a sign against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You named Your Son "Jesus" because He was born to save us from our sins. Give us repentant hearts. Do not let us bow to temptation or abuse His name by seeking our own way, but lead us to confess our sins and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need we now quietly lift to you.... Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly Lord and Emmanuel – God in Flesh who desires to be with us and for us throughout life. We pray for all those in our family, and among our friends, and those whom You will bring into our lives that do not know you, or have fallen away from you. Let this Advent and Christmas be a time where their hearts will be softened to hear Your Gospel, repent and turn to you. Lord in Your mercy,

G **Hear our prayer.**

P Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.**

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

***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
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

4. See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

Benediction

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