



# Christ the King Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24, 2025  
Pastor Rob Morris

## Pre-Service Music

### Welcome and Prelude

*Greensleeves* ~ Richard Purvis

*Stand*

### Hymn of Invocation

### 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Luke 2:15*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
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, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
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:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

## Responsive Reading

*Isaiah 9; John 3*

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**C** **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**
- P** For to us a child is born,  
**C** **to us a son is given;**
- P** and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His Name shall be called  
**C** **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- P** For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
**C** **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**
- P** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
**C** **but in order that the world might be saved through Him.**

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

*Kneel/Sit*

- P** On this holy night, let us confess our sins before 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 upon us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

Stand

## Hymn of Praise

## 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

Luke 2:7-20



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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# Service of the Word

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:2–7*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 9.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choral Anthem** (5 pm only)

*All on a Silent Night ~ Slagle*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 96*

**A** We say together today's passage from the Psalms:

**C** <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!  
<sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
<sup>12</sup>let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup>before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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.

## Epistle Reading

*Titus 2:11–14*

**A** The Epistle is from Titus, chapter 2.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:1–14*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

## Conversation with the Children

### Hymn of the Day

### 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*Luke 2:13-14; Isaiah 9:4-5; Genesis 11:9*



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



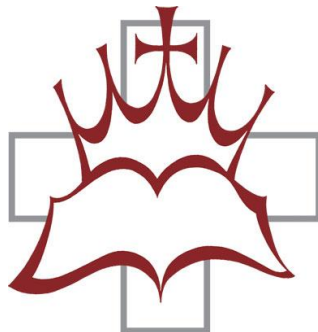
"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,  
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-umn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-76, alt.  
Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900  
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## Sermon



*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*



*Sit*

# Service of Light

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*The ushers will light the candle of the person sitting nearest the aisle. Unlit candles are lit by tipping them into the lit candle (lit candles always remain upright). Continue in this manner until all candles in the row are lit. Remember, once your candle is lit, please do not tip it.*

## Candlelight Hymn

*Instrumental music will be played while candles are being lit. When the organ begins to lead, please join in singing this candlelight hymn:*

### 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

*Luke 2:7-16; Colossians 1:13*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,  
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy  
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-85  
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863  
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## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

**C** Amen.

# Hymn to Depart

# 387 Joy to the World

*Psalm 98; Romans 5:16-19; Revelation 22:1-5*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

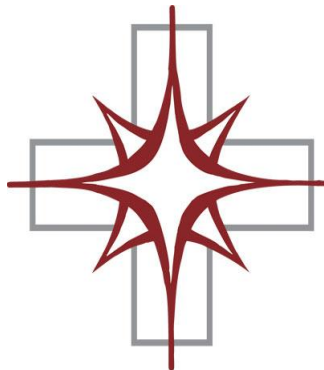


sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.  
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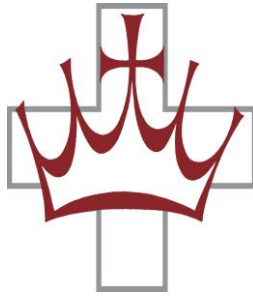
# Postlude

# *All My Heart This Night Rejoices ~ Max Reger*



# Come to Bethlehem and see





**And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:  
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.  
Revelation 19:16**

## **Welcome Card**

*Please fill in the attendance insert with your name(s) & any updated contact information. Include your current email address to sign up for our weekly church & prayer emails.*

*A special welcome to today's guests & visitors! If desired, we would be happy to follow-up with you, simply indicate this request on the card.*

*Please place the card in the offering plate on your way out. Thank you!*

## **Today's Volunteers & Worship Staff**

December 24, 2025	
<b>Reader ~ 5 pm:</b>	Gordon Thompson
<b>Reader ~ 7:30 pm:</b>	Jim Wallace
<b>Organist/Director of Music:</b>	Bev Thompson
<b>Guitar:</b>	Peter Obre
<b>Cello:</b>	Jonathan Schultz

## **Today's Flowers**

*Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God, with praise to our Lord, by a joyful congregation in celebration of Christ at Christmas.*

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