



The Nativity of Our Lord

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"Christmas Love"

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AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Festival of the Nativity of our Lord. The anticipation of Advent and the song of the angels give way to the celebration of the birth of Christ. We stand expectantly beside the shepherds to see the mystery of the ages come to pass: "Unto you is born this day a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord!"

OPENING HYMN - O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (P = Pastor, C = Congregation)

P: To us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst.

C: A tiny child, born in a manger.

P: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets.

C: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives.

P: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples.

C: A tiny child, gift of God.

P: Open your hearts; raise your songs.

C: Give thanks to the Giver; welcome the Gift.

CHRISTMAS SONG - Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375 VV. 1, 2

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.

2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.

CHRISTMAS PSALM

P: Sing to the Lord a new song

C: For He has done marvelous things

P: His right hand and His holy arm

C: Have worked salvation for Him

P: The Lord has made His salvation known

C: And revealed His righteousness to the nations.

CHRISTMAS SONG - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386 VV. 1-3

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

C: O heavenly Father, on this day of great joy, we acknowledge before You our deep sorrow and grief. We are the reason that Your Son had to come not this world to suffer and die for our salvation. On account of our sin, we deserve Your anger and condemnation. Hear our confession as we admit our guilt before You.

P: God show His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ was born in Bethlehem, Christ lived under the Law for us, Christ went under judgment for us, Christ died for us. The mercy of God and of His Christ is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare unto you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that as we have confessed our sins, and affirmed the holy name of Jesus as Savior, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How 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." The 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. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The 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.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1–6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but 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. He 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For 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”? And 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.

Holy Gospel John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And 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.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ.

HYMN - Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389 vv. 1, 2, 6

- 1 Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav’n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 6 He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.

CHRISTMAS CREED

P: When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born un the Law,

C: To redeem those under the Law, that we might receive the full rights of sons (Galatians 4:4ff)

P: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us

C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1)

P: This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him (1 John 4)

C: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

C: We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom we have been made children of God.

SERMON HYMN - Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367 VV. 1-3

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

SERMON: - "Christmas Love"

Titus 3:4-7

OFFERING

HYMN - Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

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

CHRISTMAS PRAYER - Pastor

Holy Child, source of smiling joy and eternal home, look upon us with tender eyes.

Holy Child, bring your gentle light to the hidden corners of our lives so our fears are rendered small and powerless.

Holy Child, touch our wounds and lift the hurts and resentments we carry, so our words may be clean and our actions may be kind.

Holy Child, draw close to those who celebrate this holy season without a special loved one, and be near to those whose failing health dims the angelic chorus.

Holy Child, in all and in each, cause our hearts to leap in wonder, our eyes to tear with joy, and our souls swell with love.

Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born to us today. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BENEDICTION – Pastor

CLOSING HYMN - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

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

After the closing hymn please be seated for information regarding our life together in support of our mission to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

Summary Calendar For The Week of December 26, 2021 (Full calendar available at www.immanuelsandy.com and in Messenger)		
Date	Activity	Time
Sunday 26 th	Worship in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd: 193306	10:00 AM
Sunday 2 ND	Worship in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd: 193306	10:00AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Reopening" – The "rules" have changed, again! Masks are required in indoor spaces following Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-1025 beginning August 13th. Any questions, concerns, conversation please reach out to an Elder or council member.

Joyful Response – We are set up to receive electronic offerings! To sign up for recurring donations, please fill out the enrollment form, available in the Narthex, and return to the church office. Any questions, contact Dawn in the office.