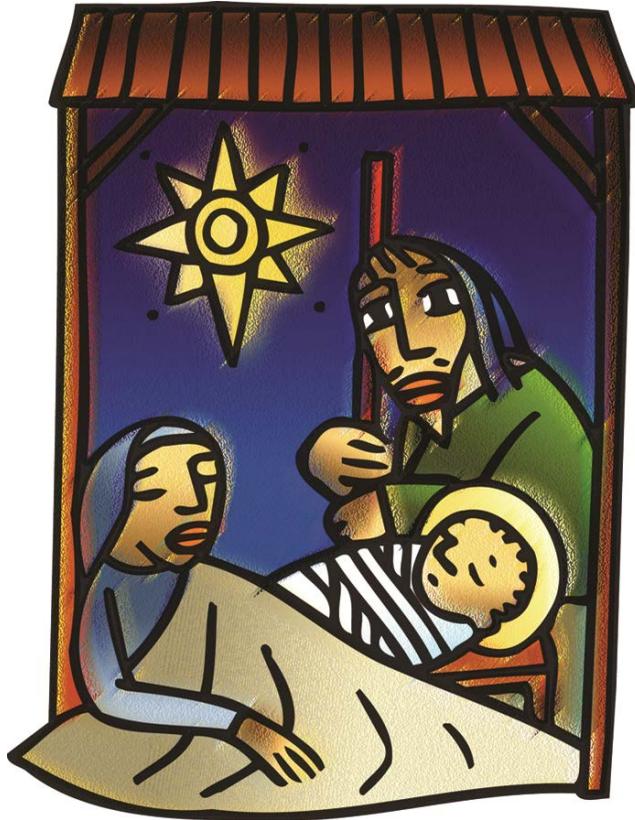


THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Monday, December 24, 2018

7:00 pm



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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PRELUDES

<i>What Child Is This</i>	Paul Manz
<i>On Christmas Night</i>	Michael Burkhardt
<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	Neil Harmon
<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Robert Buckley Farlee
<i>To Shepherds as They Watched by Night</i>	Paul Manz
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	David Cherwien
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	David Cherwein
<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	Paul Manz

GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW Hymn 283

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together . . .

C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<We sit.>

REDEEMER RINGERS

Joyful and Triumphant

Douglas E. Wagner

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of heavenly forces will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

DUET

O Holy Night

Alvin & Corey Shaver

THE SECOND LESSON

TITUS 2:11-14

L: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical, and godly lives right now by rejecting ungodly lives and the desires of this world. At the same time, we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us in order to rescue us from every kind of lawless behavior and cleanse a special people for himself who are eager to do good actions.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Once in Royal David's City

ELW Hymn 269

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you-- wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors." When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

<We sit.>

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

<We stand.>

UNTO US

Mark Patterson
Pastor Matt
Pastor Matt

HYMN OF THE DAY

Away in a Manger

ELW Hymn 277

(Vs. 1 – Children's Choir, Vs. 2 – Senior Choir, Vs. 3 – all)

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

<We kneel as we are able.>

Each petition concludes, "Be near us Lord Jesus."

The assembly sings the first line of stanza 3 of 'Away in a Manger' as a response:

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay...

After the pastor concludes the prayers, we respond by singing all of stanza 3 of 'Away in a Manger':

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

< We Stand >

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

<We sit.>

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

Senior Choir Anthem

Gloria in Excelsis
Solosit: Maggie O'Toole

arr. Lara Hoggard

<We stand.>

OFFERING HYMN

What Child is This (vs. 3)

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

MEAL

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR CHRISTMAS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

ELW HYMN 270

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

<We Sit.>

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. At The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, we receive communion by intinction, receiving the bread and then dipping it into the chalice of wine.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
Amazing Night*

Carl Schalk
David Lantz III

<We stand.>

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

After the communion blessing the lights in the church are extinguished. The minister, taking a candle, lights it from an altar candle which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. Then the minister says:

P: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

C: **The darkness will never overcome it.**

*The minister gives light to the ushers; they in turn give light to the first worshiper in each pew, who passes it on. For safety's sake, when sharing the light with another, **the lighted candle is always held upright.** A short reading will be read as the candles are being lit. After all candles are lighted, the service continues.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW Hymn 281

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW Hymn 289

DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God’s people on earth!

P: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Joy to the World

David Cherwien

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister: The Reverend Matthew Titus

Organist: Huger Caughman, Jr.

Choir Director: Gayle Lindley

Violin: Paula Harshaw

Ushers: Clint Harshaw, Tommy Fellers

Communion Preparation: Anne Caughman

Redeemer Ringers

Lector and Communion Assistant	Anne Caughman
Greeter	The Community of Redeemer
Crucifer	Vanessa Harshaw
Acolyte	Morgan Harshaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this evening. If you have any questions or need any assistance, just ask! We also invite you to fill out our friendship register at the end of each pew.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Huger Caughman, Jr. on his birthday, December 26th, by Huger, Anne and Kristin Caughman.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: We will gather next Sunday, December 30 at 10:00 am for worship. We will be worshipping in Lessons and Carols. Join us as we gather for the continued celebration of the birth of our Lord!

LAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION - All are invited to this wonderful opportunity to grow and learn. This year classes will be taught by Dr. Mike Beggs (1&2 Peter), Revs. Ernie Worman & Leon Page (Faith and Military Service), Rev. James Henricks (Conflict, Christianity, and Living as Peacemakers), and Neal Fisher, SC Synod Communications Director (Beginner to Intermediate Look at Church Communication). This year's Lay School will be on the evenings of January 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 7-9pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Prosperity. **Cost is ONLY \$20!!**

Help with Worship

Do you feel called to be a bit more involved with the worship services at Redeemer? Want to read and help serve communion? Maybe you'd like to greet folks as they enter Redeemer each Sunday morning. Or maybe you've enjoyed the communion bread we serve and receive and have thought, "I wish I could make that too!" If any of these (or more!) questions have popped into your head, please call the church office and we will add your name to that respective list of service. This information will be included in our annual directory that (usually) is made available towards the end of January.

Amick Gift Celebration

In the first part of 2019, Redeemer will celebrate the generous gift that Carl Legrand Amick, Jr. gave to the church this past year. We will worship together and recognize those organizations that received the tithed portion of that gift. There will also be a catered meal on that day as well. If you would like to participate in the planning of this day and meal please contact Cathy Turner.

Please pick up new envelopes from the narthex before the first of the year. Do not use the new envelopes until January and likewise do not use this year's envelopes after the first of the year. If you do not find an envelope with your name on it, please let Donna know.