



**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2020**  
**Online - Contemporary Worship**  
**Theme: "Love All"**



**Preservice Song – “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

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 angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the Everlasting Lord  
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 a second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Glory to the King  
Glory to the King, yeah (Repeat)

## Welcome

### Opening Song – “Baby Boy”

If you told me all about your sorrows  
I'd tell you about a cure  
If you told me you can't fight the battle  
There's a Baby Boy who won the war  
The war was won by a Baby Boy

Alleluia, we can sing it  
Alleluia, Heaven's ringing  
Alleluia!

Endless hope, relentless joy  
Started with a Baby Boy

Oh, before that silent night  
No Savior and no Jesus Christ  
The world cried out so desperately  
And the Baby Boy was the reply,  
Yes, Heaven's reply was a baby boy

Alleluia, we can sing it  
Alleluia, Heaven's ringing  
Alleluia!

Endless hope, relentless joy  
Started with a Baby Boy

See, the King is coming down  
And He's here without a crown  
The Baby Boy without a bed  
Giving life back to the dead

And hear the angels shout it out  
As the people come and bow.  
Unexpected majesty

Alleluia, what a King

Alleluia, we can sing it  
Alleluia, Heaven's ringing  
Alleluia!

Endless hope, relentless joy  
Started with a Baby Boy

Alleluia, we can sing it  
Alleluia, yeah Heaven's ringing  
Alleluia!

Endless hope, relentless joy  
Started with a Baby Boy

*CCLI License No. 2309318*

### **Invocation**

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

### **Opening Sentences**

*Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23*

P Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,  
C **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people  
Israel. Alleluia!**

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.  
C **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;  
C **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

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.**

## Confession and Absolution

P In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P God of God, Light of light,

C **we confess that by nature we are sinful and unclean, born in darkness. We are often blind to Your Word and Your work in our lives, sinning against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus, who is the light of the world, forgive me all my sins, that my eyes may be opened and my heart enlightened to look to You in faith and hope.**

P God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, grant you a spirit of ongoing thankfulness, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

<sup>7</sup>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.”

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 John 4:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**

*DCE Erika Troester*

### **Song – “Noel”**

Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

Noel Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

Noel Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel

Noel Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us, Noel

## Responsory

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

P To us a child is born,

C **to us a son is given;**

P and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called

C **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Sing to the Lord a new song,

C **for He has done marvelous things!**

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Confession of Faith

P At Christmas, we remember not only our Savior's birth, but also all that God has done for us. And so, our faith is in God the Father, the almighty Creator of all that exists.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, who has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

P Our faith is in God the Son, whose sacrifice on the cross opens to us eternal life in God's eternal presence.

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

P Our faith is in God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith gives us eternal peace with God.

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, who in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

## Song – "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Joy to the World, The Lord is come!

Let Earth receive her king!

Let every heart prepare him room

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ!

While fields and floods,

Rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well  
No tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul,  
Never lets me go!

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!

Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well  
No tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul,  
Never lets me go!

*CCLI License No. 2309318*

**Sermon – “Love All”**

*Rev. Jonathan Gruen*

**Song – “O Holy Night”**

O holy night,  
The stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of  
Our dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world  
In sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared  
And the soul felt its worth.  
The thrill of hope,

The weary world rejoices,  
And yonder breaks  
A new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees,  
O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born!

Truly He taught us  
To love one another  
His law is love and  
His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break  
For the slave is our brother  
And in His name  
All oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in  
Grateful chorus raise we,  
With all our hearts  
We praise His holy name!  
Christ is the Lord,  
Oh praise His name forever,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim.

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
O Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Halleluja

Fall on your knees,  
O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born!

O night divine,  
O night, O night divine!

*CCLI License No. 2309318*

### **Prayer of the Church**

P ... Love Incarnate, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

C **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.**

### **Candle Lighting**

*Light some candles at home and sing "Silent Night" with us!*

### **Thanksgiving for Light**

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

P On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.

C **We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.**

P You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

C **In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

### **Song – “Silent Night”**

Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright'

Round yon virgin mother and child

Holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace

Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night

Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heav'nlyhosts sing alleluia

Christ the Savior is born

Christ the Savior is born

With the angels let us sing

Alleluia to our King

Christ the Savior is born

Christ the Savior is born

*CCLI License No. 2309318*

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Donations can be given through our website: [www.beautifulsavior-lsmo.org/donate](http://www.beautifulsavior-lsmo.org/donate)*

## **Upcoming Worship and Education Schedule**

- We have no worship scheduled for Christmas Day or on Saturday, Dec. 26.
- We will have services of Readings and Carols at our normal times on Sunday morning, Dec. 27 (8:00 & 9:30 traditional; 11:00 contemporary).
- New Year's Eve worship with Holy Communion is at 5:00pm on Dec. 31.
- Our normal worship schedule resumes on January 2 & 3—Sat. 6:00pm; Sun. morning 8:00 & 9:30 traditional, 11:00 contemporary).
- Midweek and Confirmation resume on January 6. Sunday School and Bible Class resume on January 10.

## ***Acknowledgements***

*Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 1. Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

*Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2020 Concordia Publishing House.*