



MERRY
Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to men on whom his favor rests." ~ LUKE 2:14

† The Nativity of Our Lord †

December 25th, 2020

For over a thousand years the Christian world has marked the passing of time from the year of Jesus' birth. Recognizing His coming into the world as the central event in the story of humankind, Christians count the years before His birth as B.C. (Before Christ) and the years after his birth as A.D. (Anno Domini, the Year of Our Lord).

The medieval scientists and churchmen who calculated the year of Jesus' birth lacked the precision for counting time that we have today. Accurate accounting indicates that, as we count time, Jesus was born in the year we call 4 B.C.

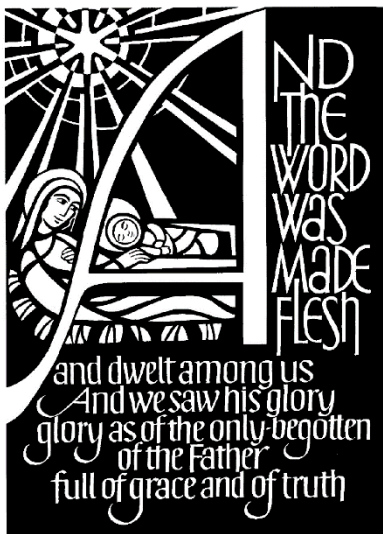
Neither scientific correction nor historical accuracy change the reality that the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is the central event in human history. And so on this Christmas Day, as the world prepares to celebrate the dawn of a new decade in the third millennium, the Church worships Jesus the Lord. As He is worthy to be at the center of all time, so He deserves to be the focus of all praise.

The History of Christmas

On Christmas Day the Christian Church celebrates Jesus, the Son of God, taking on human flesh and blood. This miraculous event took place over 2,000 years ago.

December 25th has long been the traditional date of Christmas in the Western Church. There are two theories for why this date was chosen. Some believe the date was chosen by the Church to counter the pagan festival called *natalis solis invicti* (the birth of the *invincible sun*) which had been established by the Roman emperor Aurelius in 274 A.D. Christians instead used that day to celebrate the birth of the truly invincible *Son of God*. Others believe that December 25th was chosen based on a belief that Jesus' conception occurred on March 25th. Thus, nine months later, Christmas Day is celebrated.

While December 25th was not, most likely, the actual day of Christ's birth, it's fitting that we set aside time to marvel at the mystery of God's Son uniting Himself with sinful humanity that He might bring us back to God.



The Meaning of Christmas

The truth we celebrate today has the highest importance for all of our lives. God says the meaning of Christmas is simply this:

- + God always keeps His promises. The miraculous virgin-birth of Christ had been foretold for thousands of years, and in the fullness of time, God brought this miracle about.
- + God has made us part of His family. In Jesus, God has human flesh and blood, just like you. Since he has united Himself with humanity, through Jesus we can truly call God *our Father*.
- + We have the Savior we need. The greatest problem facing any of us is our *sin*. To solve this problem, God Himself became a human being so that He might offer His life in our place and deliver us from sin.

Prayer before Worship

Father, open my heart to hear and believe Your word, so that through faith Your Son may take His rightful place not just in the manger, but also within my heart. In His name I pray. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*Christian Worship 55, st. 1*

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord † Jesus, the Christ-Child, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

All: and the Word was God.

L: He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made;

All: without Him nothing was made that has been made.

L: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

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

All sing: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Christian Worship 55, st. 2

**God from true God, and Light from Light eternal, Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world,
and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that
which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.

By right, we should have nothing to sing about. We do not deserve God's love. He created
humankind in His perfect image to live with Him in peace forever. But Adam and Eve
sinned against Him, and we have sinned against Him no less than they.

All: We confess our sins, O Lord.

L: We are embarrassed to think of our sins here. Our hearts are filled with love for You, but we
confess we have often loved others more than You. Our eyes behold Your glory, but we
confess we have lusted for what You forbid. Our lips praise You, but we confess we
have spoken evil again and again.

All: We deplore our sins, O Lord.

L: They have only gained us trouble. They have not given us the happiness they promised.

All: For the sake of Jesus, forgive us for sinning against You, O Lord.

L: Remind us that Christ came into the world to free us from the guilt of sin. Proclaim to us
that His life and death cover our sins. Keep us from being attracted to sin. Spare us from
being enslaved by sin. Help us make up for the sins we commit against one another.

All: Deliver us from sin's power, O Lord.

L: Glory to God in the highest! In love that astounds us, the eternal God sent His one and only Son to live among us, to obey as we could not, and to suffer what we deserved. In Christ there is indeed peace on earth. In Him, God extends His good will to all people. On that first Christmas He gave His only Son and laid Him in the manger to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Because of Christ and by His authority, I say to you what God says: In Christ, your sins are forgiven!

All: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

L: To all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory,

All: the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

All sing: **Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful** *Christian Worship 55, st. 4*

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

L: For the blessed conviction that You are the Son of God, and that You were born in Bethlehem to keep the Law of God perfectly in our place and to give Your life into death for our redemption, hear our prayer, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the determination to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness to all the world and to administer the Sacraments faithfully according to Your institution, hear our prayer, O Christ.

All: Christ, have mercy.

L: For Your blessing on us as a fellowship of believers united in You and eager to do Your will, hear our prayer, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Merciful Lord, open our eyes to behold Your glory as the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

All: Amen.

L: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** *Christian Worship 61*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host 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,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, You have proclaimed to us once again the joyful good news of the birth of Your Son. We give You thanks and praise for the gift of the world's redemption, for the gift of eternal peace, and for the gift of joy in the Holy Spirit. Preserve these treasures in our hearts and minds until we finally come to share Your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

All sing: **The People that in Darkness Sat** *Christian Worship 90, st. 1-3*

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shone on them who long
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulders ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.**

FIRST CHRISTMAS READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The “beautiful feet” of God’s messengers are privileged to bring the good news of redemption, “the salvation of our God.”

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of a herald,
who proclaims peace and preaches good news,
who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God is king!”

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voices.
Together they shout for joy,
because with both eyes they will see it
when the LORD returns to Zion.

⁹Break out, shout for joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
because the LORD is comforting His people.
He is redeeming Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD lays bare His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation from our God.

Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
 Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
 Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
 And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
 Evermore and evermore.

SECOND CHRISTMAS READING

John 1:1-14

Incarnation is the word that describes the mystery of our God taking on human flesh — the focus of Christmas Day. From the Word at creation to the light-shining-in-darkness of Isaiah to the preparatory work of John the Baptizer, St. John points to Jesus as the glory of the Lord, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him everything was made, and without Him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. ⁵The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

⁹The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹He came to what was His own, yet His own people did not accept Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen His glory, the glory He has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SONG OF PRAISE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christian Worship 35, st. 3-4

This is He whom heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one accord;
 Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
 Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
 Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore Him, Angel hosts His praises sing,
 Pow'rs, dominions bow before Him And extol our God and King.
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
 Evermore and evermore.

THIRD CHRISTMAS READING

Hebrews 1:1-9

The writer to the Hebrews describes the Christ-child: God Himself made flesh for the purification of sins and the rule of righteousness. This is the being and purpose of the Christ-child: from eternity, He is the Son, the Word, the Heir, the Radiance of His Glory.

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He took His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

⁴The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you?

And again: I will be His Father, and He will be my Son.

⁶And again, when He brought His firstborn into the world, he said:

Let all God's angels worship Him.

⁷About the angels He says:

He makes His messengers winds and His ministers flaming fire.

⁸But about the Son He says:

God, Your throne is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy beyond Your companions.

VICTORY SONG**Now Sing We, Now Rejoice***Christian Worship 34*

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!

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!

Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD

John 1:14

*The Word Became Flesh
To live in the world & To reveal His glory*

HYMN RESPONSE**Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn***Christian Worship 49*

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn! A Savior unto us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glory.
His lowly birth in Bethlehem The angels from on high proclaim And sing redemption's story.
My soul, Extol God's great favor; Bless Him ever For salvation. Give Him praise and adoration.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*portions of the Athanasian Creed*

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father,
and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother,
fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,
equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity;

And though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
This is the true Christian faith.

OFFERING*Choir Anthem – Hurry, Hurry to Bethlehem*

Dear members and friends of Good Shepherd's family of faith, during this time we give offerings for God's ministries. Out of love God freely gives us all; and God's people every day respond the same way: out of love, not forced.

Every week we freely return gifts to Him. None of this giving is coerced. Our giving flows from God's love. So, we thank God our Father, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use. If you are visiting Good Shepherd and are moved to give a gift to our ministries, thank you.

*Guests are encouraged to sign the WELCOME Card located in the pew rack
and return it to an offering basket in the narthex as you leave.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

L: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though He is the all-powerful Lord of all, He is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

All: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.

L: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that the "Word made flesh" gives us His very own body and blood for our salvation! He comes to us today in this sacrament to make His dwelling among us.

All: Help us always believe that this precious child is our every-present Redeemer from sin.

L: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to You, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.

All: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is good and right so to do.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His wondrous birth became our Brother, taking on human flesh to live in righteousness before God and to become obedient even to death on a cross.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

Here at Good Shepherd we practice what is called close communion, which means we ask that only those who are members of Good Shepherd, or another church within our fellowship (WELS or ELS), come up to receive the Lord's Supper. Are you are visiting today and not taking the Lord's Supper? Be at peace! God forgives sins through faith in Christ Jesus. We look forward to when you can take communion with us in the future. If you speak to one of our pastors after the service, we can talk with you about what is involved with becoming a member here at Good Shepherd.

During distribution, an usher will invite one person, couple, family of four at a time to come down the side aisle. Please bring the wafer which you removed from the plastic bag and walk to the railing to kneel or stand. As you eat the wafer, the communion assistant says, "Take and eat, the Body of Christ." Then take a cup from the wine tray located at the railing. As you drink the wine, the communion assistant says, "Take and drink, the Blood of Christ." A blessing is given to each table before you place the cup in the basket and return down the center aisle.

DISTRIBUTION SONG**Angels We Have Heard on High***Christian Worship 63*

**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.***

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

DISTRIBUTION SONG**Go, Tell It on the Mountain***Christian Worship 57**Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *Refrain***

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

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

DISTRIBUTION SONG**O Little Town of Bethlehem***Christian Worship 65*

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.**

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin
 Where meek souls will Receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
 Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

CLOSING PRAYER

L: Son of God, we praise You for coming to earth on the first Christmas to live the life we could not live and to die the death we were doomed to die. We thank You for coming to us still today in Holy Communion. How grateful we are that together with the bread and the wine, You shared with us Your very body and blood, given and shed for us on the cross. As we celebrate Your coming to earth to become one of us, help us rejoice also in Your continual coming to us in this precious Sacrament. Strengthen our faith. Cause our love to increase and our hope to grow. Bless all we say and do to the glory of Your Name.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

L: May He who by His incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

PARTING SONG

Joy to the World

Christian Worship 62

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry 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 earth, 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

May the love of God and the peace of Christmastime fill your hearts and homes!

Merry Christmas

from Pastor John Melke, Pastor Paul Tullberg, Educator/Principal, Donna Tullberg and their families!



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 27, at 9:00AM **The First Sunday after Christmas**

Thursday, December 31, at 7:00PM **New Year's Eve Reflections**

Sunday, January 3, at 9:00AM **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

Thursday, January 6 at 7:00PM & Sunday, January 10, at 9:00AM **The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord**

Our mission is simple and bold:

We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus.

We want to make Him known to others so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

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BECAUSE OF *Christ* and our FAITH IN HIM, we can now come **boldly** and **confidently** into *God's presence*.

Ephesians 3:12

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS AT A GLANCE

12/27 **SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Bible Class following service

Remote **Sunday School for Families** (attend at any time)

2:00 pm Cable TV Rebroadcast of Last Sunday's Service

Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

12/28 **Monday** 1:00 am **COFFEE WITH CHRIST** at Grace's Restaurant WR

12/30 **Wednesday** 2:00 pm Cable TV Rebroadcast of This Sunday's

Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

12/31 Thursday 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

Thank you to all who donated the poinsettas that beautify
our altar area!

A special thanks to the children of our Good Shepherd
School & 3K program for their wonderful presentation of
the Christmas Eve service!

This Week's Birthdays

Dec 28 Scott Davis Gary Heiman

Dec 29 Karla Melke

Dec 30 Ash Stickney

Dec 31 Kelli Spees



Remember: "With God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)
Our Lord repeated: "All things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23)
Great words from our great Jesus Christ, the Savior God of the whole world!
In joyful confidence, continue to take Him at His word !

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