



**A CHILD
IS BORN**
to us,
and a **SON**
is given!

(Isaiah 9: 6-7)



CHRISTMAS DAY!



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Clarkston, WA
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December 25, 2012
11:00 A.M.
Organist Sue Martin

WELCOME!

to our celebration of God's greatest Gift – His Own Son and our great Savior, Jesus Christ the Baby of Bethlehem. We implore God the Holy Spirit to renew in our hearts this great Gospel message. Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

All stand and sing hymn 79 "Rejoice! Rejoice! This Happy Morn!"

1. *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!*

Responsive Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7:

Pastor: Unto us a Child is born,

Congregation: Unto us a Son is given;

P: And the government will be upon His shoulder.

C: And His name will be called

P: Wonderful, Counselor,

C: Mighty God

P: Everlasting Father,

C: Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and peace

C: There will be no end,

P: Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom

C: To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

P: From that time forward, even forever.

C: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

SING TO THE LORD

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD, ^ˆ bless His name;*

Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from ^ˆ day to day.

Declare His glory among the ^ˆ nations,*

His wonders among all ^ˆ peoples.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of ^ˆ holiness!*

Tremble before Him, ^ˆ all the earth.

Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the ^ˆ earth be glad;*

Let the sea roar, and all its ^ˆ fullness;

Let the field be joyful, and all that ^ˆ is in it.*

Then all the trees of the woods will
rejoice before the LORD.

For He is coming, for He is coming to ^ˆ judge the earth.*

He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy ^ˆ Spirit,

as it was in the ^ˆ beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. ^ˆ Amen.

Antiphon



Martin Luther's thoughts on Christmas - Introduction

(Lessons quoted from Luther on the Christ Child)

"To us a Child is born"

All sing Hymn 106:4 "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

*4. To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests All power in earth and heaven.*



Luther thoughts The government will be upon His shoulder

All sing Hymn 712:1 "What Child is This?"

*1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!*



Luther thoughts - His Name shall be called Wonderful...

All sing Hymn 76:1-2 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

*1. A great and mighty wonder. A full and holy cure:
The Virgin bears the Infant With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!"*

*2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.*

*Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!"*



Luther thoughts – Counselor

All sing Hymn 710:1 "Once in Royal David's City"

*1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18-23: *Some think that God doesn't intervene in human affairs. But the birth of Jesus was a profound intervention on God's part, from the incarnation to the dream-messages to common men, to the choosing of His name.*

Matthew 1:18-23 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

All sing Hymn 108:1 "We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise"

*1. We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise,
Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace,
Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn,
Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born. Hallelujah!*



Luther thoughts - Mighty God

All sing Hymn 711:1 "See in Yonder Manger Low"

*1. See in yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below,
See the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*



Luther thoughts - Everlasting Father

All sing Hymn 98:1 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

1. 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.

Bible Reading: 1 John 3:1-5: Christmas is for Children - children of God. Only those who rejoice to be delivered from sin can really appreciate the birth of Christ.

1 John 3:1-5 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Little Children, Can You Tell?

Anonymous

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1. Lit - tle chil - dren, can you tell? Do you know the
2. Yes, we know the sto - ry well; Lis - ten now, and
3. For a lit - tle Babe that day, Cra - dled in a

sto - ry well, Ev - 'ry girl and ev - 'ry boy, Why the an - gels
hear us tell, Ev - 'ry girl and ev - 'ry boy, Why the an - gels
man - ger lay, Born on earth our Lord to be; This the won - d'ring

sing for joy On the Christ - mas morn - ing.
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an - gels see On the Christ - mas morn - ing.



Luther thoughts - Prince of Peace

All sing Anthem – LEISE RIESELT DER SCHNEE

Words and arrangement by G M 1964

1. Fields are peaceful and white,
Christmas shines through the night,
Snowflakes like jewels appear,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
2. Carols echo on high,
Clear as stars in the sky,
Angels from heaven appear,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
3. Sin's dread curse now is gone,
Peace with God through His Son,
Freed from all sadness and fear
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
4. Sing and let us rejoice,
Join with glad heart and voice
Come, with the shepherds draw near,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!

Confession of Faith (all):

(Luther's Explanation to the Second Article)

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, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy. Just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

All sing Hymn 94:1 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

1. *Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

Sermon Luke 2:8-12 “A PROCLAMATION OF GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!”

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

All sing Hymn 94:4 “Come, Desire of Nations, Come”

4. *Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*



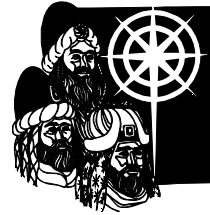
Luther thoughts - Upon the throne of David

All sing Hymn 708:1&3 “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

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!*

3. *Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.
Glory to God, In the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,*

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



The Christmas Offering

Of thankful hearts

Responsive Prayer

P: O Mighty, Eternal God Who alone is Wise, Ruler of heaven and earth, Whose great love we celebrate this day:

C: Hear our Christmas prayer, receive our praises, and attend to our desires.

P: For the gift of Your Only-begotten Son; for the joy of promises fulfilled; for the peace of salvation from our sin:

C: We thank and praise You now and forever in Jesus’ name.

P: Through Your holy Word, make us to wonder at the mystery of what has taken place on this occasion:

C: For the Divine and Infinite had taken on the finite and human; for our sakes the Godhead and manhood have been united for the work of our redemption.

P: As we celebrate this feast rich in earthly delights and human enjoyments:

C: Make us remember the deep poverty and humility into which You sent Your Son.

P: Let us remember that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor:

C: That we, through His poverty might become rich in grace and eternal peace.

P: As Jesus came in purity and sincerity and truth:

C: May we have grace to root out every sinful thought and desire, and to pursue all goodness and purity.

P: We confess that we have often let worldly pursuits distract us from the simple and perfect desire to honor and follow You in every circumstance of life:

C: For Jesus’ sake, forgive us our sins and renew in us a childlike love and trust in You.

P: For our own land, buried under the gloom and darkness that spiritual ignorance brings:

C: Send the light of truth into the hearts of all; cause Your faithful to speak out with the message of repentance and remission of sins in Jesus' name.

P: For those who cannot be with their loved ones; for those who are abroad in service to our country; for those who are sick or alone at this time:

C: Come with Your message of love and peace, and fill their hearts with the love that You have shown all the earth.

P: We also pray as our LORD Jesus has taught us:


The 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.

All sing Hymn 646:1-2 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

*1. 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.*

*2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

 **Luther thoughts** -To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

All sing Hymn 646:3 (standing)

*3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 72:1-8 *The earnest hope invested in the Messianic Kingdom is one of peace, of protection from oppressors, of unparalleled justice. This we find through faith in the true and living Son of David, the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ.*

P: Give the king Your judgments, O God,

C: And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

P: He will judge Your people with righteousness,

C: And Your poor with justice.

P: The mountains will bring peace to the people,

C: And the little hills, by righteousness.

P: He will bring justice to the poor of the people;

C: He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.

P: They shall fear You

C: As long as the sun and moon endure,

P: Throughout all generations.

C: He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,

P: Like showers that water the earth.

C: In His days the righteous shall flourish,

P: And abundance of peace,

C: Until the moon is no more.

The LORD's Blessing

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 87:1 – All Sing

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing.

*** Silent Prayer ***