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GATHERING

Prelude | Welcome to Worship

Gathering Music | Sing-A-Long (last pages of bulletin) #293 That Boy-Child | #288 Good Christian Friends | #278 Away in a Manaer

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day Amen.

Hymn #296 What Child Is This

WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche

Lesson | Isaiah 63:7-9

71 will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely";

and he became their savior

in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Gospel | Matthew 2:13-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

"When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ""Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." 21Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 22There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Dione Stepanek, Asst. to the Bishop & Dir. of Evangelical Mission

Hymn of the Day #282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (last pages of bulletin)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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Offering Prayer **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise and glorify your holy name.

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite your designated person at home to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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. 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.

Lord's Prayer













January will be given to Family & Children's Center to purchase coats and other winter wear. Our Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class chose the organization for this month.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion **Amen.**

The white rose on the altar this weekend is in memory of Cathy Novotney, daughter of Lou Wuensch.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

God bless you and keep you, \pm Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #290 Go Tell It on the Mountain (last pages of bulletin)

Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

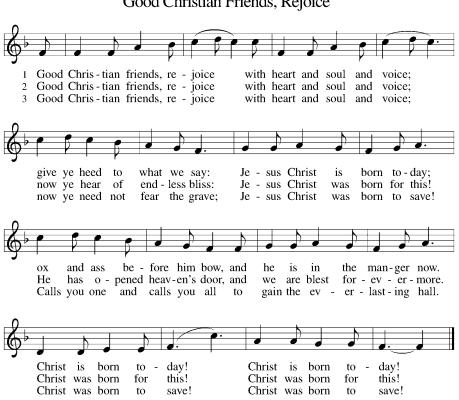
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That Boy-Child of Mary



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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent

Away in a Manger



Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

What Child Is This



- What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
- 3 So bring him in cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



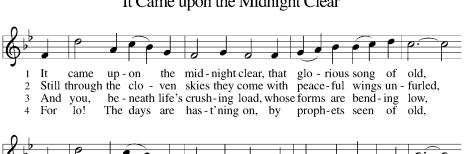
This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



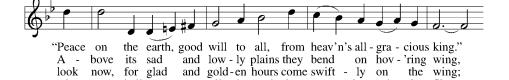
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y! joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear









sing!

sing.

when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

wea-ry road and hear the an - gels oh, rest be-side the and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Go Tell It on the Mountain

