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Hymns are from the Lutheran Service Book.

**Please join us for the following services
of our Lord:**

Christmas Eve Divine Service at 11 p.m.

**Christmas Day Festival Service
with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.**

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS

Welcome in Jesus' name. We are delighted that you are joining us for this joyous celebration of our Lord's birth. We hope that you will come back again soon to hear His Word of life and forgiveness.

PRELUDE

*Rise and Face the Cross for the Procession***379 O Come, All Ye Faithful***LSB 379 sts. 1, ref, 2–4*

1 **O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold Him
 Born the king of angels: Refrain**

ref **O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord!**

2 **Highest, most holy,
 Light of Light eternal,
 Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
 Son of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

3 **Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God
 In the highest: Refrain**

4 **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
 Word of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Bidding Prayer

P: Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger.

Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for people all over the world, who would delight with us to know the good news of Jesus Christ and who would join with us in singing his praises. Let us pray for the people of this city and for all those in our own congregation.

And because this would please our Lord, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who are sad, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly and the little children. We especially remember all those who do not know the Lord Jesus, or who do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light than we, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, who died in faith, and who live before the throne of God and praise him each day in his temple. We confess that we are united with them as we are united with one another.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words Christ himself taught us:

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.

Hymn

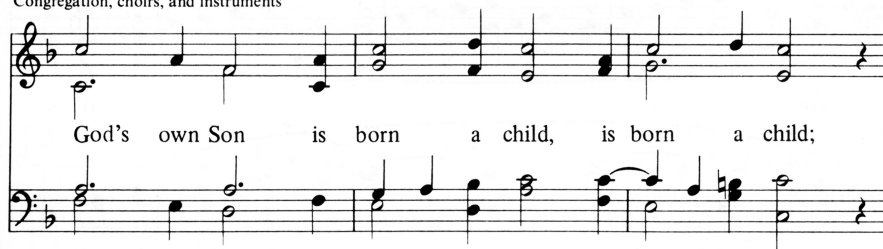
The Quemapas Carol
Sunday School, Adult Choir, Congregation

*1. He whom shepherds once came praising,
Awed by heav'nly light ablazing,
Cheered by angel news amazing:
"King of glory, Christ is born!"*

*The glorious angels came today,
Aglow with light into the night of darkness deep,
To shepherds who by moon's bright ray
Did in the field o'er sheep their silent vigil keep.
"Joy, great joy and tidings glad we bring from heav'n resounding,
For you, for you and all the world abounding."*

REFRAIN (sung by congregation)

Resonet in laudibus
Congregation, choirs, and instruments



2. *He whom sages, westward faring,
Myrrh and gold and incense bearing,
Humbly worshipped, off'rings sharing,
Judah's lion reigns this morn.*

*"God's majesty has come to earth
And sent his only Son to you in humankind;
A chosen virgin gave him birth.
In David's town the holy infant you will find,
Lying helpless in a manger, poor and bare and lowly,
To set you free from all your sorrow wholly."*

REFRAIN (sung by congregation)

**God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!**

3. *Sing with Mary, virgin mother;
Praise her Son, our newborn brother;
Angel ranks, lead one another,
Hailing him in holy joy!*

*Then sang the angels this refrain:
"To God on high alone give praise and glory,
And peace on earth again shall reign.
Let all on earth with gladness heed this story
And rejoice in his goodwill." The Savior came in meekness
For you, for you, to bear your flesh in weakness.*

REFRAIN (sung by congregation)

**God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!**

4. *To our king, God ever reigning,
Yet of Mary manhood gaining,
Heav'nly gifts for us obtaining,
Raise your hymns of homage high!*

The wond'ring shepherds said: "Behold!

*Let us now go with all good speed to Bethlehem
To see this thing the Lord has told;
The sheep are safe; he will indeed take care of them."
There they found the wonder child, in lowly swaddling clothes lying,
Yet all the world with his free grace supplying.*

REFRAIN (sung by congregation)

**God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!**

Lesson One

Genesis 3:8–16

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

362 O Sing of Christ

LSB 362

1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone
So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity
God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity,
The icon of His grace.

2 What Adam lost, none could reclaim,
And Paradise was barred
Until the second Adam came
To mend what sin had marred.
For when the time was full and right
God sent His only Son;
He came to us as life and light
And our redemption won.

3 **He came to that which was His own,
 But He was not received;
 Yet still through Him God's glory shone,
 And some His name believed.
 To these He gave the right to be
 The heirs of heav'n above,
 Born not of human ancestry
 But born of God in love.**

4 **Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell
 Among us here on earth
 As God with us, Emmanuel,
 To bring this holy birth.
 Though rich, You willingly became
 One with our poverty,
 That we might share Your wealth and name
 For all eternity!**

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Lesson Two

Isaiah 7:10–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332 sts. 1–3, 8

**1 ALL Savior of the nations, come,
 Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
 Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
 That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**2 MEN Not by human flesh and blood,
 By the Spirit of our God,
 Was the Word of God made flesh—
 Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.**

3 WOMEN **Here a maid was found with child,**
 and **Yet remained a virgin mild.**
 CHILDREN **In her womb this truth was shown:**
 God was there upon His throne.

8 ALL **Glory to the Father sing,**
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

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Choral Response

On This Still and Silent Night

Lesson Three

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Comfort, Comfort

Lesson Four

Isaiah 60:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Arise, Shine

366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

1 **It came upon the midnight clear,**
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth
 To touch their harps of gold:
 “Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
 From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing.

3 All you, beneath your heavy load,
 By care and guilt bent low,
 Who toil along a dreary way
 With painful steps and slow:
 Look up, for golden is the hour,
 Come swiftly on the wing,
 The Prince was born to bring you peace;
 Of Him the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days have come to pass
 By prophets seen of old,
 When down into the circling years
 Came Christ as was foretold.
 His word of peace shall to the earth
 God's ancient promise bring,
 And all who take this gift will hear
 The song the angels sing.

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Lesson Five

Luke 1:26–35, 38

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 356

1 ALL The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
 With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
 “All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
 Most highly favored lady.”
 Gloria!

2 MEN “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
 All generations laud and honor thee;
 Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
 Most highly favored lady.”
 Gloria!

3 WOMEN **Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;**
 and **“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.**
 Children **“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”**
 Most highly favored lady,
 Gloria!

4 ALL **Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born**
 In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
 “Most highly favored lady.”
 Gloria!

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Lesson Six

Luke 2:1–7

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Star Light, Star Bright

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361 sts. 1, 4

1 **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.

4 **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;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel!

Lesson Seven

*Luke 2:8–14***P** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

1 Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply,
 Echoing their joyous strains.

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 Which inspire your heav’nly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Lesson Eight

*Luke 2:15–20***P** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

While by My Sheep

Sunday School Children return to sit with their parents

Lesson Nine

*John 1:1–14***P** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

392 God Loves Me Dearly

- 1** **God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain**
- ref** **Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**
- 2** **I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain**
- 3** **He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain**
- 4** **Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain**
- 5** **Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain**

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Sermon**Votum**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Offering

The ushers will come down and light their candles from the pastor's candle. They will then light members of the congregation's candles. Please tip the unlighted wick to the flame so that the wax does not spill on the carpet.

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363 sts. 1–3, 1g

Choir sings German Stanza, Congregation English

- 1g *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.
- 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,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 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.

Collect

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

P The grace of the Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*LSB 386*

1 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!

2 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!

**3 Now through His Son doth shine
 The Father's grace divine.
 Death was reigning o'er us
 Through sin and vanity
 Till He opened for us
 A bright eternity.
 May we praise Him there!
 May we praise Him there!**

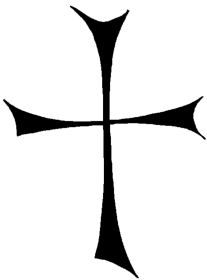
**4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
 Where but on heav'nly ground?
 Where the angels singing
 With all His saints unite,
 Sweetest praises bringing
 In heav'nly joy and light.
 Oh, that we were there!
 Oh, that we were there!**

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