

# *First English Lutheran Church*

*1311 E 18th St.  
Spencer, Iowa*

10:00 am non-communion service

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## **THE BELL, PRELUDE**

**HYMN** – LSB #375 1, 4, 6 “Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

## **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE PREPARATION**

P: The four flames on our Advent wreath symbolize the coming of Jesus as the living Light of the world.

**C: He is indeed the light shining in the darkness.**

P: And now we light the Christ candle in the center of our Advent wreath to recall His own words:

**C: "I am the Light of the world. He who follows after Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."**

P: To all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He gives power to become children of God.

**C: For unto us a Savior is born! Amen.**

P: As the Lord Jesus once came in love and great poverty to be born a child in Bethlehem.

**C: So now He comes to us in the richness of His word.**

P: As Jesus once came from heaven to live with people in love

**C: So now He comes in the Word, to give the light of the Spirit.**

P: As He come to heal, to forgive, and to save

**C: So now He comes to rescue, to relieve, and to love.**

P: Let us bless the great name of the Lord.

**C: Let us sing with our hearts the great songs of His Word.**

P: Let us now celebrate His birth.

**C: And tell of His coming to the ends of the earth.**

P: As He came to serve people in the depths of their need.

**C: Help us, O Lord to give our life in love to the world.**

P: Lord of heaven and earth, forgive us all our sins. As we see the world in darkness and in need, bring us faith, love and power to bring light and help.

**C: The Lord has made known His salvation; He has remembered His truth and love;**

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

**HYMN – LSB #387 vs. 1 "Joy to the World"**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart, prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing...**

P: He comes to rule the earth. He will rule with justice and the peoples with fairness. Acclaim the King, the Lord!

**HYMN – LSB #387 vs. 4 "Joy to the World"**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And Wonders of His love ...**

## **THE INTROIT** (Psalm 98:1-9 NIV)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

P: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,**

P: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn -- shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

**C: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

P: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

**C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND SHALL BE FOREVER. AMEN**

### **THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY**

P: Grant, Almighty God, that the birth of your only-begotten son in human flesh may set us free, who through sin are held bondage; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** – LSB #367 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

## **CHRISTMAS REVIEW**

*(The congregation may be seated during the readings and hymns)*

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE**

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself Will Give You A Sign: The Virgin Will Be With Child And Will Give Birth To A Son, And Will Call Him Immanuel."

**"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" – Hymn LSB #386 vs. 1, 3**

Isaiah 11:1-3

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord-- and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears."

**"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing" – Hymn LSB #359 vs.1, 4**

### **MARY AND JOSEPH**

Matthew 1:18-23

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they

came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -- which means, "God with us."

**"From Heaven Above" - Hymn LSB #358 vs. 1, 2**

### **THE PLACE**

Luke 2:1-5

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. "

**"What Child Is This" – Hymn LSB #370 vs. 1,2**

### **THE BIRTH**

Luke 2:6-7

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

**"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" – Hymn LSB #374 vs. 1, 2**

### **THE SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:8

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night."

**"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" – Hymn LSB #366 vs. 1,3**

## **THE ANGELS**

Luke 2:9-14

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

**"Angels We Have Heard On High" – Hymn LSB #368**

## **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFERING** *(hymn sung during offering)*

**OFFERING HYMN** – LSB #361 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## **THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in eternity did appoint a time to send Your Holy Child Jesus, and did by Your Spirit overshadow the Virgin, and sent our Savior as true God begotten from You for all eternity. We praise You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for the appearing of Your Son Jesus Christ and for the blessed promise that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. To know Your Son is to know You, to love Him is to love You, to serve Him is to serve You, and to hear Him is to hear You.

Help each of us to enter into the true joys of this day and to welcome the Savior into our hearts. Implant within us such an understanding of this supreme visitation that in fullness of heart we may give You continual glory and honor.

Grant also Father, that the whole earth may come to obedience of the Manger Child and to know Him as wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We pray that men everywhere, from pole to pole from east to west, may acknowledge Mary's child as Lord and Savior, the incarnate God. Let the light of this truth reach the hardest of hearts and the most stubborn of wills; let it shatter the wretched idolatries and the brittle ideologies of men; and let it pierce the darkness of all who dwell in the shadow and fear of death.

Look with compassion all who are in any want or need this day. We lift up for Your compassion the lonely and the forsaken, the sick and the shut-in and the hospitalized, Especially, ..... *(Local prayers of the church)*

Grant us the faith that draws power and comfort from knowing that You are the Deliverer of Your people. Help us in every necessity. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us all to pray... "Our Father..."

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

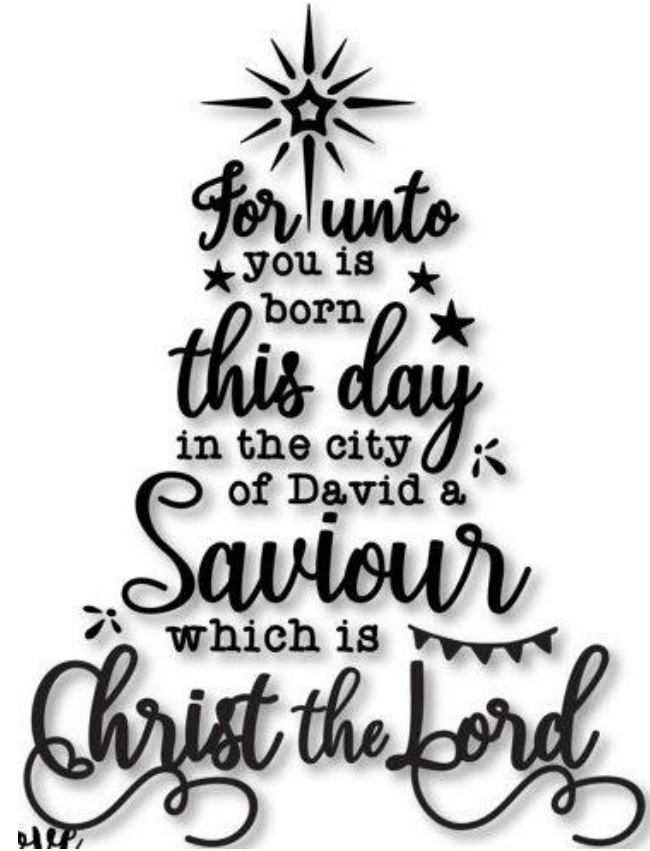
**HYMN** – AGPS # 116 vs. 1-2 "He Is Born the Child Divine"

## **POSTLUDE**

✠ ✠ **VISITORS and MEMBERS** ✠ ✠

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

*Christmas Day Service*  
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*Luke 2:11*

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