



# Christmas FOR YOU



***St. John's Lutheran Church***

**24 December AD 2024**

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Gordon Naumann



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## **Speakers**

Dan Starry

Bill Ray

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**Opening Hymn - 357 O come, O Come Emmanuel (s.1, 4, 5 & 6)**

(All) 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

(Pulpit side) 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

(Lectern side) 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

(All) 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

## **Speaker 1: We begin with Luke 1:26-38:**

**26** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." **34** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" **35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [...] **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## **Pastor's Meditation**

### **The Children's Pageant Scene 1**

#### **Hymn - 993 My Soul Rejoices (Mary's Magnificat)**

(Women) 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices

- Sing the greatness of the Lord!

For God my Savior Has shown me favor

- Sing the greatness of the Lord!

With praise and blessing join in confessing God who is solely Mighty and holy -

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His mercy surely shall rest securely on all who fear Him, love and revere Him

- O sing the greatness of God the Lord!



(Men) 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring

- Sing the greatness of the Lord!

The proud He scatters, their rule He shatters

- Sing the greatness of the Lord!

Oppression halted; the meek exalted. Full are the hungry; empty, the wealthy

- O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

Here is the token All that was spoken To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling

- O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

### **Speaker 2: We continue with Matthew 1:18-24:**

When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). **24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

### **Pastor's Meditation**

### **The Children's Pageant Scene 2**



## Advent Hymn - 332 Savior of the Nations, Come (s.1, 2 & 3)

(All) 1 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.



(Men) 2 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.

(Women) 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown;  
God was there upon His throne.

### Speaker 3: We continue with Luke 2:1-7:

**1** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Pastor's Meditation

### The Children's Pageant Scene 3

#### Carol – 364 Away in a Manger



(Pulpit side) 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky--looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

(Lectern side) 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

(All) 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

#### Speaker 4: We continue with Luke 2:8-17:

**8** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a

multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” **15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

### **Pastor’s Meditation**

### **The Children’s Pageant Scene 4**

*(Please be careful as your candle is lit for the singing of the next carol)*

### **Carol – 363 Silent Night, Holy Night**

- (All)           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.
- (Children) 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!
- (All)           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.



*(The lights are turned back on as we continue the service)*

### **Speaker 5: We continue with Luke 2:8-17:**

**1** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: **6** “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

**7** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” **9** After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### **Pastor’s Meditation**

### **The Children’s Pageant Scene 5**



## Carol – 387 Joy to the World

(Children) 1 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.



(Pulpit side) 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy.

(Lectern side) 3 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 the curse is found.

(All) 4 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 of His love.



## POINTSETTIAS



In memory of Husband, Steve Adamoyurka, from Lucille Adamoyurka

In memory of Loved Ones from Steve, Leanne, Stephen & David Adamoyurka

In memory of our Parents from Bob & Diane Drummond

In honor of our children and grandchildren from Bob & Diane Drummond

In memory of our Mom, Mary Anne Gilham, from Dana, Gena, Paula & Allyn

In memory of our Grandparents from Dana, Gena, Paula & Allyn

In memory of Husband, Paul Kowalczyk, from Karen Ann Kowalczyk

In memory of Father and Grandfather, Paul Kowalczyk, from Kevin Kowalczyk, Krista, Chris & Emma Mashack and Brandon, Kelly, Charlotte & Gregory Weiss

In memory of Loved Ones from Bob & Pat Onder

In memory of Husband, John Onder, from Pauline Onder

In memory of Father, John Onder, from Bill & Lorraine Ray

In memory of Parents, from Bill & Lorraine Ray

In memory of Parents, Andrew & Kathryn Onder, Edward & Barbara Trovitch, and Brother, Rev. Ronald Onder from Dave & Nancy Trovitch

In memory of Godfather, John Onder, from Nancy Trovitch



Christmas Day  
Divine Service at 10am

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