

**CHRISTMAS MORNING**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2024 AT 9:00 AM**  
*THE LIGHT HAS COME – OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** “*Joy to the World*” 387

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

**Christmas Litany:**

P: Alleluia! The Word became flesh **C:** *And He has dwelt among us.*

P: We have seen His glory **C:** *Glory as of the only Son from the Father.*

P: He is full of grace and truth **C:** *He is the source of Everlasting Life.*

P: He came as the Christ-Child **C:** *God came to us to bring us His everlasting grace!*

P: He is the Light of the World **C:** *He is the Light of Salvation for all mankind!*

**Christmas Introit:**

P: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; **C:** *And the government shall be upon His shoulder;*

P: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor **C:** *Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

P: Oh sing to the Lord and new song, for He has done marvelous things! **C:** *His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*

P: The Lord has made known His salvation; **C:** *He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

P: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. **C:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; **C:** *Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**ALL:** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**Christmas Collect:** Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only- begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin, lead us to tell others of His birth, and walk in a manner that honors His name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Hymn:** *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”* 388

**O. T. Lesson:** *Isaiah 62: 10-12* Go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, His reward is with Him.” And they shall be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

**Epistle Lesson:** *Titus 3: 4-7* But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 1-20**

*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. 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.*

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 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 the 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 and whom His favor rests.”*

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

**Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (Back of hymnal)*

**Hymn:** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* 361

## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayers

## Lord's Prayer

**Confession of Sins C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** *I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.*

## Blessing of Elements:

**Distribution Hymn:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 367

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Benediction

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