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9:00 am

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *(An usher will bring forward the prayer cards for the pastor)*

OPENING HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" LSB# 384 vv. 1,3,5

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is the Alpha and Omega
He the source, the ending He
Of the things that are, that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word
Now He shines, the long-expected
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Isaiah 63 says: *In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.*

As we think about the presence of God, let us consider that He sees our sins and confess them.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, hear us as we confess,

People: that our distress is caused by the condition of sin and the separation from You that leads to our hubris. For all the sins that we have committed, we are sorry for them, and we ask that You would forgive us for the sake of Jesus.

Pastor: Because of the Savior who loves us unconditionally and is willing to remain with us, God has chosen to forgive us and cleanse us of all our unrighteousness. God is merciful to grant our request for grace and we are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “From East to West” LSB# 385 vv. 1, 5

From east to west, from shore to shore
Let ev’ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore
The Christ, the everlasting King

All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be
All praise to You, O Virgin-born
And Holy Ghost eternally

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for being merciful, and we pray that our distress would be calmed knowing You are near. In the name of Jesus we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." After Herod died, an angel of the Lord 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 trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: "A Great and Mighty Wonder" LSB# 383 vv. 1,4,5

A great and mighty wonder
A full and holy cure
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure
Proclaim the Savior's birth
To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth

Since all He comes to ransom
By all be He adored
The infant born in Bethl'em
The Savior and the Lord
Proclaim the Savior's birth
To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth

All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease
And Christ shall raise His scepter
Decreeing endless peace
Proclaim the Savior's birth
To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray,

Gracious God of protection, we give You thanks that You chose to protect Your holy family from those who would seek the life of Jesus. We thank You that You continued to work for our salvation and that we have been the recipients of Your great blessing of mercy. Show the world the power of what Your providence means for all humanity.

As people continue to travel during this time, Lord we pray that all would be kept safe, especially as they go to places of inclement weather. Return them safely, that they might rejoice in all they have.

As we transition into the new year of 2023, help us bring proper closure to the situations that call for it. Open up new opportunities for all people, that they might give thanks for this new beginning. Watch over our three churches as we move forward together in many ways. Show us how You would have us work in tandem and help us accomplish great things in Your name.

Be with all organizations, large and small, whose fiscal year starts in January and as they seek to set goals for the times ahead.

Heal those who are sick, (especially...), that their strength and reliance continues to be in You.

Care for all who are struggling financially.

Strengthen those whose goal is to become more literate in Your Word. Reveal new wisdom to them, that they might share these insights to those they know and that others may search after You.

Stand with governments and leaders transitioning into new positions as the new year begins. Give them greater insight into their jobs, that they might succeed and prosper those around them.

For these prayers and all other prayers that are on our hearts, we thank You, Lord, God, Almighty Father. Continue to hear our prayers as Your promises reveal, and call us to attention as we pray the prayer Your Son Jesus has taught us to pray, praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the protection of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you in the days ahead.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Joy to the World!" LSB #387

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 nature sing.

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.

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.

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.

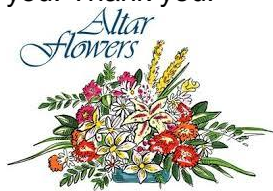


WE WELCOME BACK SARAH MAYER, WHO IS OUR GUEST PIANIST TODAY! We thank Sarah for filling in for Sojung, who has traveled to New York to be with her family and welcoming her new baby grandson! Thanks, Sarah! We are delighted you are celebrating Christmas with us at Christ Our Savior! God's blessings to you and your family!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DECORATIONS!! You helped to make our church beautiful at this joyous time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! **Please feel free to take a poinsettia plant home with you following the Christmas morning service!**

WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR PARTNER ETHIOPIAN CHURCH FAMILY, TENSAE CHURCH, FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP DURING CHRISTMAS EVE! The Children's Choir was truly a joyful addition to our worship and the young voices raised in sweet harmony for our Savior's birth were such a blessing! Thank you for making our Christmas Eve worship so special!

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP! Please stop by the table on your way out of church to pick up your Offering envelopes for 2023. They are in alphabetical order. For those of you who are worshipping from home, or are unable to pick them up soon, please call the church office at 630-665-5110 to request that they be mailed to you. Thank you!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS – If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion – and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

Donna Klomhaus
Tonda Boutan
June DuBois
Pat Gengler
Charleen Smith, Dawn Wolter's mother
Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends
Shirley Dring
Edward Dring, Shirley Dring's son
Dianne, Shirley Dring's daughter
Al Arbeiter
Dawn Ziemer
Dave Larson
Monica, Mary Larson's sister
Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.

PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects." It helps to answer questions such as, *Why Jesus?... Why the Bible? ...Who is the Holy Spirit?*, as well as provide valuable information about our church doctrine and the Christian life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled.

Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS!

If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water is provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

WITH WINTER HERE – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!

If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Now that winter is here, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Please keep in mind that during extreme temperatures, freezing may occur. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include:

PARSONAGE FUND
PARKING LOT FUND
BLESSING BOX FUND
BENEVOLENT FUND

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. If you would like a prayer shared with all members via email or on the "Prayer Corner" church website, contact Deb Odefey (1-630-209-9918) for the "Prayer Chain" and she will make sure your prayer request is communicated to our church family.