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LUTHERAN CHURCH



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CONFESSION

CHRISTMAS EVE

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful TLH 102 vv. 1, 2, 4
Please rise for the first verse

PASTOR: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song:

Congr: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, bless His name:

**Congr: Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations:

Congr: His wonders among all peoples.

Pastor: Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Congr: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Pastor: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

Congr: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness.

Pastor: Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:

**Congr: Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice
before the Lord.**

Pastor: For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth:

**Congr: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and
the peoples with His truth.**

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

The Pastor

PASTOR: "Lord God, You sent Your one and only Son into the world to be the Savior of all people, and gave Him the name Jesus. Mercifully grant that we who worship in His name tonight here on earth may joyfully see Him face to face in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

CONGREGATION: Amen.

A CHRISTMAS SERMONETTE

The Pastor

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

TLH 62

PART ONE: A CHILD IS COMING!

Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets predicted the coming of the Messiah. The Savior was first foretold in the Garden of Eden, by God Himself. As the time for the coming of the Christchild grew nearer and nearer, the predictions concerning His birth became clearer and clearer. Finally, God even revealed the name of the tiny village in which the Savior would be born!

When Adam and Eve first fell into sin, they brought sin and death upon all human beings. But even there in the Garden of Eden, God promised to send a Savior - the Seed of the woman - Who would conquer Satan and sin. *Genesis 3:15 - 'And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.'*

The Prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah. Even though the advent of the Christchild was still hundreds of years away, Isaiah rejoiced in His birth! *Isaiah 9:6 - 'For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*

Toward the end of the Old Testament, the Prophet Micah spoke of the little shepherd village where the Savior would be born.

Micah 5:2 - 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.'

Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned,
All in white, His praise will sound!

PART TWO: THE FORERUNNER

The centuries passed. A final prophesy was fulfilled, a prophesy in which a forerunner would go before the promised Savior and prepare the hearts of the people to receive Him. Even today we heed the voice of John the Baptist as he cries out in the wilderness, calling us to repent of our sins and make a straight path for our Lord to enter our hearts with His forgiveness.

Isaiah 40:1-5 - "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. 2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the

LORD'S hand Double for all her sins." 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; 5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

TLH 61

PART THREE: THE CHILD ARRIVES!

When the time was just right, all the prophesies were fulfilled, and God sent His Son to earth in the form of a human baby. In this Child lay all mankind's hope of salvation!

Galatians 4:4-5 - 'When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons'.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

TLH 136

The Christmas Gospel

Narrator

Luke 2:1-16 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Solo: O Holy Night

Silent Night, Holy Night

TLH 646

PART FOUR: A SAVIOR FOR ALL PEOPLE!


The shepherds saw the Child in the manger, and marveled at the blessing God had bestowed upon them. But they didn't stop there, for such glad tidings must be shared. As the shepherds blazed abroad the news of a Savior, may we too share the Gospel of salvation through faith in Christ with as many as we can!

Luke 2:17-20 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising


God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Go Tell It on the Mountain


Refrain



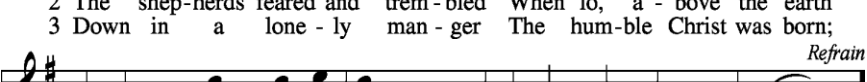
Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

PART FIVE: HE IS MY SAVIOR!

Pastor: "At Christmastime we recall the coming of our Savior as a little Child. It's important to remember, though, that He did not remain a Child, but grew and matured, and took on the heavy task of redeeming us from our sin. Even on this joyous night, we remember not only the cradle, but also the cross. Through the faith that the Holy Spirit has given to each Christian, the redemption Jesus won on that cross has now become our very own. Join with me, now, as we confess our faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!"

I BELIEVE

Pastor & Congregation

"I BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ, true God, is also true man, born of the virgin Mary;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ, my Lord, has purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ, my Lord, has redeemed me, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ, my Lord, has redeemed me that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness;

"**I BELIEVE** that Jesus my Savior died for me, that He rose again from the dead, and that He lives and reigns to all eternity.

"THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE."

CHRISTMAS PRAYER + THE LORD'S PRAYER + BENEDICTION

Joy to the World

TLH 87

SILENT PRAYER

A Blessed Christmas From Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this evening and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

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