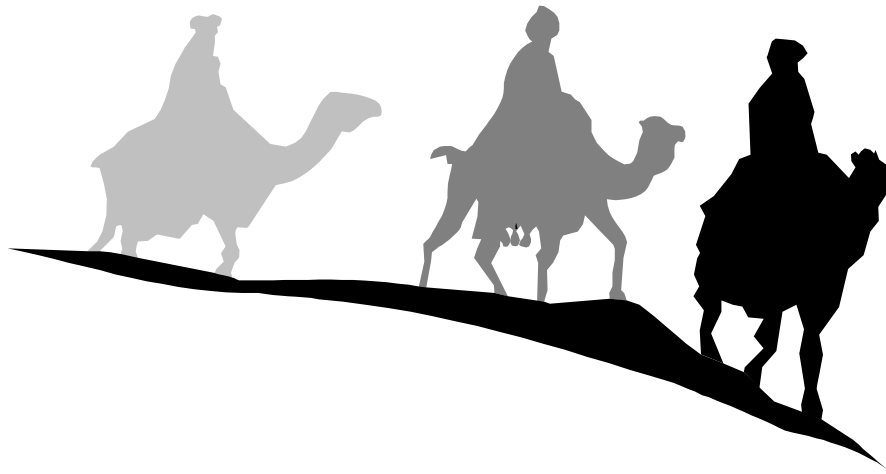




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January 1, 2023; 1st Sunday of Christmas



Matthew 2:13-23

Prelude

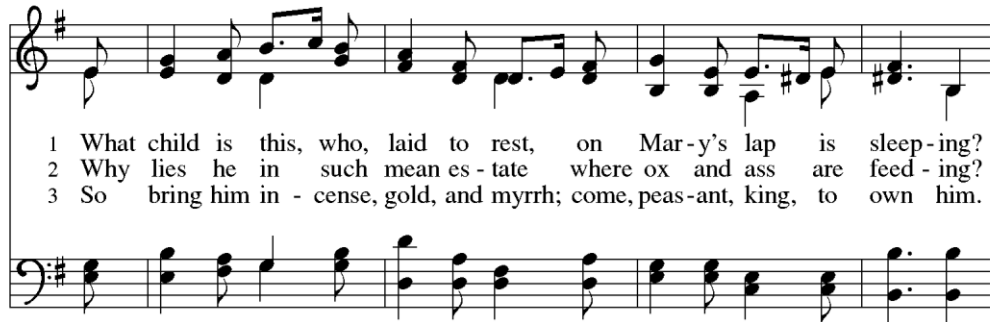
Welcome

The Poinsettias on the Altar are sponsored by Tilleen Litterer & family in memory of Clarence Litterer.
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Frank & Jeanette Anderson in memory of loved ones.

Gathering Hymn:

“What Child is This”

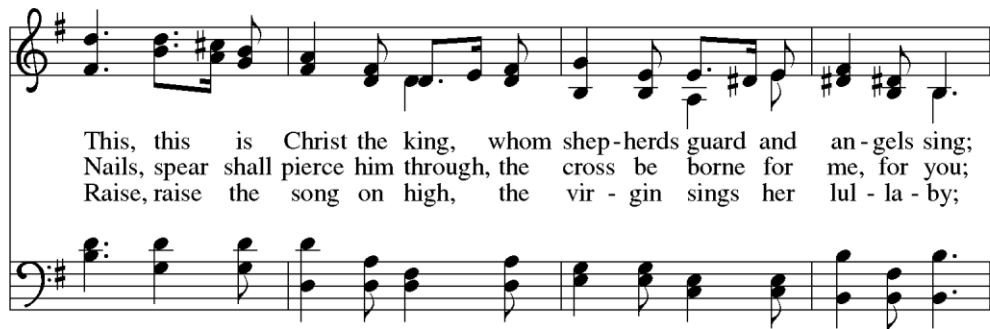
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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“EMMANUEL”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Read by Jeremy Heyer

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

“O Come Little Children”

O come, little children, come, one and come all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem’s stall
And see what our Father in heaven above
Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.

O see in the manger so meek and so mild,
O see in the soft light the heavenly Child,
In swaddling clothes folded, his beauty more sweet
Than angels whose voices his lowly birth greet.

His bed, little children, a manger with hay;
His Mother and Joseph in ecstasy pray,
The shepherds in wonder their glad worship bring,
While chorus of angels sweet Glorias sing.

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 2:13-23**



13Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

16When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 18“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

19When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” 21Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Justin Heyer

Song of the Day

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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Musical score for the hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major with a treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in G major with a bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old, 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled, 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low, 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world. who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told, The score includes a piano introduction and a final cadence.

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious king,
 Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
 look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
 when peace shall ever all the earth its ancient splendors fling,

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing,
 and ever o’er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing,
 oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

The Creed

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
 Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers	Carl Johnson	Kathy Michael	Ron Venz
Joyce Boehmer	Donald Knowlton	Leon Mulford	Marilu Wohlers
Rodney Ellis	Randy Kreger	Duane Ortmyer	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Linda Girken	Jerry Meader	Calvin Schultz	Carmen Wolf

Bernice Voelker on the death of her daughter

Family of Brandie McDonald

Brad Bailey & family on the passing of Brad's dad Norman Bailey

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Prayer List. Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Response

"Take Our Lives"

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
 Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The 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 this is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude:



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January 1 - January 8

Sunday **New Year's Day**
9:00 a.m. Worship
 worship leader - Justin Heyer

Monday **Office Closed**

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters
 3:30 p.m. After School
 5:00 p.m. Supper
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir
 7:00 p.m. Dartball at St. John

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Parish Ed
 8:00 a.m. Youth board
9:00 a.m. **Worship**

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a sign up on the treat table!

**Offering from the week of
 December 18, 2022**

General Receipts: \$11,940.97
 Designated: \$3,325.00
General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget
Attendance: 175

**Offering from the week of
 December 24, 2022**

General Receipts: \$11,995.20
 Designated: \$2,118.00
General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget
Attendance: 4:00 p.m. - 318, 6:30 p.m. - 152

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
 THE CONGREGATION
 JANUARY 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
 IN THE PARISH HALL**

The St. John youth will serve a breakfast of scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, ham & cinnamon rolls during the Annual Meeting on January 29th. Free will donation goes to youth working at the brunch.

2023 Giving Envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex!

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu for January 4:
 Pizza burgers, sides, dessert
 Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2023
On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2023 signups for Altar flowers and radio broadcasts! The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.