

The Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your Name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will be done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.
For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

The Distribution

Communion Hymns

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
LSB #393 v. 1-2

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice
LSB #386 v. 1-4

The Common Dismissal

The Thanksgiving

Sung to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing
for His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing
tell His love, His name confess.
For He leads us, with thanksgiving
in the paths of righteousness.
At Your Word, Lord, let Your servant
go in peace, for with my eyes
I have seen Your bright salvation,
Israel's Light, begin to rise
As the Glory of the nations,
leading us to Paradise.

The Prayer

The Benediction

Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Pastor: Now may the good Lord bless and keep,
His love in you increase;
Lift up His face with shining grace,
and grant eternal peace.

**People: To Father, Son and Spirit,
eternal One-in-Three,
Be thanks and praise through all our days
and to eternity.**

Merry Christmas!

Sunday Worship
CELEBRATION
Senior Pastor Installation
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
Luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Area
(Please bring a side dish to share)

Join us on
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 27th
10:00AM



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

DECEMBER 25, 2015

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann



TODAY in the town of David
a *Savior* has been BORN to YOU;
HE is CHRIST the LORD.
LUKE 2:11

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World
LSB #387 v. 1, 2, 4

Christmas Call to Worship

Pastor: Welcome, sisters and brothers, in the name of the newborn King, the Child sent by God to bring light into a dark world.

People: We welcome one another, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Come, let us celebrate.

People: Let us rejoice together.

Pastor: The Baby born in Bethlehem is a great Savior.

People: He is the Lord of all ages.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People: We have beheld His glory.

Pastor: Come, let us worship Him.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

All: (Sung) *O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*



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Confession of Sins

Pastor: When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. We confess our unrighteousness, we plead for His mercy.

People: Most merciful God, we confess to You our sins, our most grievous sins, that we have committed against You. It is for them that the joy of Christmas will give way to the agony of the cross. We are sorry for them, we repent of them, we plead for Your mercy.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

People: Amen.

The Christmas Collect

Pastor: O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Lesson

Micah 5:2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Out of respect for Jesus and His words of life, we stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away

People: But Your Word will never pass away.

The Christmas Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshiped by shepherds, adored by wise men. He lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and all I am and have. I live under Him as my King, now and forever. Amen.

Message Hymn

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
LSB #380 v. 1-3

The Message

"Worth the Wait"
Luke 2:8-20

Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.



Christmas Prayer

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of hope in our lives.

People: Inspire us to see that Your helping hand is always there to support us.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of faith in our lives.

People: Cause us to be more genuine in our worship, in our work, in our witness.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of joy in our lives.

People: Restore within us the joy of Your salvation.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of gratitude in our lives.

People: Make our family life, our festive times, and our fellowship activities authentic expressions of gratitude with generosity.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of witness in our lives.

People: Challenge us to let Your light shine through our sharing and service and support of others.

Pastor: Hear our prayer for peace among nations, reconciliations among people, hope among the poor and lonely and the exploited. Make us willing instruments of peace and reconciliation and hope.

People: In the name of the Christ Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Preface

Sung to the tune of "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Pastor: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

People: And may the Lord be with you too.

Pastor: Lift your hearts to Him in praise.

People: To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Pastor: Let us offer praises true.

People: It is fitting so to do:

Gratefully we sing, to the Lord, our King!

The Proper Preface

The Sanctus

Sung to the tune of "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of host, by all adored:
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of Your name!
With the heav'nly host we sing Highest praises to our King:
Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame be to Him who, in God's name,
Now draws nigh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be to the Lord eternally!