# **December 25, 2022** Christmas Day 9:30 ям



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*Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.*  **December 25, 2022** 

Christmas Day

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**Pastor's Greeting:** 



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Hymn: O, Come, All Ye Faithful...... CW93 55 (NCW 354) Stz 1–4

#### **Confession and Absolution:**

- L: Unto us the Christ is born.
- C: O Come let us adore him! The angel said,
- L: I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people; today a Savior has been born for you; he is Christ the Lord!

#### C: We proclaim that Jesus is the Christ the promised Savior.

L: Everlasting Lord and Mary's Son, we praise you now and forever!

#### C: Amen!

- L: Fellow believers, God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But, I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ⊕ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Prayer of Christmas Day:

L: We pray; Lord Jesus Christ, let the joyous message of Christmas be proclaimed in all the world, and may the gospel find ready acceptance in believing hearts, for the eternal benefits of lost souls, for the extension of your kingdom, and for the glory of your holy name.

#### C: Amen.





#### The Lesson:

L: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

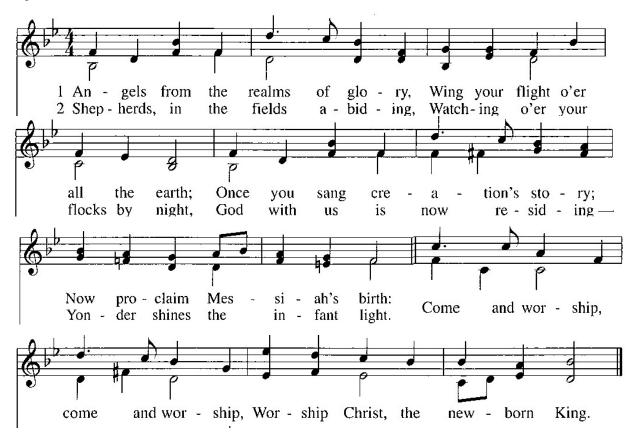
<sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says,

- C: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
- L: Therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." (The Word of the Lord)

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory......CW<sub>93</sub> 80 (NCW 347) Stz 1 & 2



#### The Gospel:

- L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.
- C: <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- L: <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men.
- C: <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
- L: <sup>6</sup> There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.

#### C: <sup>8</sup> John himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

- L: <sup>10</sup> *Jesus* was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- C: <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- **L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God...... CW93 41 (NCW 355) Stz 1-4

#### What Is the Meaning of This?

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#### **Prayers for Christmas Day:**

God of our salvation, as you have brought us to faith in the Christ Child, so we ask that you would work powerfully also in the hearts of those who do not yet know him or who do not know him in truth. Grant that the world's attention to the Christ Child may not be only a seasonal attraction or a sentimental novelty. Rather, bring sinner to faith that they may see him as the answer to life's problems here and the sure hope of life eternal in heaven with you. This we ask in Jesus' name who taught us to pray...

#### Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

#### **Blessing:**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and **†** give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World ......CW93 62 (NCW 355) Stz 1–4



# Jesus is the Reason for this Holy Season May the Lord Bless you all

May the joy and peace, found only in Christ Jesus our Lord, be yours now and forever more.

Pastor wishes you God's richest blessings and offers to each of you his heartfelt thank you for your gifts, your prayers, and your service to the LORD.

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December						
Su Christ Day	25	9:30 AM	Megan K.	Jessica O.	Mark F	Dan M.
January 2023						
Su Christ 1	1	9:30 AM	Jessica O.	Paul T.	Scott S.	
Su Epiphany	8	9:30 AM	Dan M.	Jessica O.	Gil P.	Mark F

### **Opportunities for You to Worship King Jesus**

December 25, Sunday 9:30 AM Christmas Day with Communion

### Memorial Service for Pastor's Wife, Karen Ruth Ashley

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 10 AM Visitation 11 AM Worship

12-2 PM Luncheon

#### January 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne

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- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes
- 24 Ray Williams
- 25 Henry Kassebaum
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor 6 years
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones