

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Choral Psalmody: "All the Ends of the Earth" Psalm 98
David Haas, Marty Haugen

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Response
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14
Response
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C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: "Lullaby for the Sleeping Savior"

Beverly Easterling, Robert J. Powell

Words:

Between the stars and Beth'hem's plain, A Baby lies asleep;
The Savior of the nations, come, God's promise now He keeps,
God's promise now He keeps.

The Child kept under Mary's heart Reveals God's holy plan;
The hope for everlasting life Within His tiny hands,
Within His tiny hands.

Sweet sleeping Child, God's perfect gift of grace;
The weary world lies at Your feet, We see Thy Father's face,
We see Thy Father's face.

Hymn: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #364, "Away in a Manger"

Sermon: "The Heart of Christmas"

Offering

Hymn: #366, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #363, "Silent Night"

(The sanctuary will gradually be darkened during this hymn as we light candles)

Departing Words

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, O Lord, for it is evening.

C: And the day is almost over.

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness.

C: And illumine Your church.

P: In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

C: Amen.

Postlude

(Please deposit candles in the appropriate receptacles at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you and Merry Christmas!)