

*Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church*

*Candlelight Service*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> 2020*

*8:00 P.M*



**Join us  
Christmas Day Service at 10:00 A.M.  
On December 25<sup>th</sup> 2020  
At 10:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

**C: for he has visited and redeemed his people!**

P: The grace of God has been revealed for the salvation of all.

**C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.**

P: By the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high has dawned upon us,

**C: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

P: The Sun of Righteousness is here, with healing in his wings.

**C: And the glory of the Lord shone round about.**

**For lo, the days have come to pass by prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years came Christ, as long foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear the song the angels sing.**

### *The Prayer Of The Day*

**Isaiah 9:2–7 (NIV84)** — **2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. **3** You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. **4** For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. **5** Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**Luke 2:1–7 (NIV84)** — **1** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to his own town to register. **4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.  
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and low lived our Savior long ago.**

**Luke 2:8–9 (NIV84)** — **8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their glad refrain:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Luke 2:10–11 (NIV84)** — **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Luke 2:16–17 (NIV84)** — **16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Choir Sings – One Small Babe**

*Sermon – 1 John 1:1–4* John 1:1–4 (NIV84)

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

Thank you to Dennis Rardin for his message.

**Hymn - This Night A Wondrous Revelation (O das ich)**

**This night a wondrous revelation  
Makes known to me God's love and grace.  
The Child that merits adoration  
Brings light to our benighted race;  
And though a thousand suns did shine,  
Still brighter were that Light divine.**

**The Sun of Grace for us is beaming;  
Rejoice, my soul, in Jesus' birth!  
The light from yonder manger streaming  
Sends forth its rays o'er all the earth.  
It drives the night of sin away  
And turns our darkness into day.**

**O Jesus, precious Sun of gladness,  
Come, fill my soul with light, I pray.  
Dispel the gloomy night of sadness  
And teach thou me this Christmas Day  
How I a child of light may be,  
Aglow with light that comes from thee.**

*The Prayers: The Lord's Prayer, Sung to Away in a Manger*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!  
Your kingdom among us, your will 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 time 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.

*Individual candles are used; twist the bulb in to light the candle*

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them the light has shined.

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin-mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

P: It was God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

C: That God has shone in our hearts

P: To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

C: In the face of Jesus Christ.