

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*



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## CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

PRELUDE: Celebration Ringers “There’s a Song in the Air” arr. Jason W. Krug

WE SING A CAROL: #282 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

## WE COME TO GOD

To us a child is born!

**To us a Son is given!**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:

**and we have seen his glory.**

From the fullness of his grace

**we have received one blessing after another.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Friends in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father, because Jesus Christ came to earth as a human being for us, to take away our sins.

*Silence or reflection and self-examination*

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which you know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased you, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.**

WE SING A CAROL: #277 “Away in a Manger”

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

## WE PRAY A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Prayer response:*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon himself, and to be born of a pure virgin. As we have been born again and adopted as your children by grace, so renew us daily by your Holy Spirit. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 2-7.

*(after the reading)*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel for this festival of the incarnation is written in the Gospel according to St Luke, chapter 2, verses 1 to 20.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(after the gospel)*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you, O Christ, the light of the world**

## WE SING A CAROL: #279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## WE LISTEN TO THE ADDRESS

Pastor Seth Jersild

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

ANTHEM: Celebration Ringers      “Silent Night”

arr. Jason W. Krug

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

*Prayer response:*

Lord Jesus; **be with us.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

GOD BLESSES US

Christ the Son of God give you joy and peace by his presence with you.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

WE SING A CAROL: #281 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

POSTLUDE: Christmas Rhapsody

by Roger C. Wilson