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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Advent Candlelight Service



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SERVICE

**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this evening, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

TLH 102 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

## Invocation

### Responsive Reading:

**P**: Oh Lord, Open my lips:

**C**: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**P**: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

**C**: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**ALL**: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

**P**: O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C**: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

### TLH 99 Now are the Days Fulfilled

1. Now are the days fulfilled, God's Son is manifested,  
Now His great majesty In human flesh is vested.  
Behold the mighty God, By whom all wrath is stilled,  
The woman's promised Seed - Now are the days fulfilled.

2. Now are the days fulfilled, Lo, Jacob's Star is shining;  
The gloomy night has fled Wherein the world lay pining.  
Now, Israel, look on Him Who long thy heart hath thrilled;  
Hear Zion's watchmen cry: Now are the days fulfilled.

**P**: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

**C**: Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

**P**: When the fulness of time had come God sent forth His Son

**C:** Born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law.

### Worship Supplement # 712 What Child is This

1. What Child is this Who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping.

This, this, is Christ, our King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in so mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear, for sinners here, The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you,

Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

**P:** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C:** The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

**P:** And behold, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

**C:** Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace goodwill to men!

### TLH 109 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled minds;

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind.

2. "To you, in David's town, this day,  
Is born of David's line  
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:  
The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling-clothes  
And in a manger laid."

**P**: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**G**: And the son of man that You visit him?

**P**: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

**G**: And we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth

### TLH 105 Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,  
Before His highest throne;  
Today He opens heaven again  
And gives us His own Son.

2. He leaves His heavenly Father's throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall.

3. He veils in flesh His power divine  
A servant's form to take;  
In want and lowliness must pine  
Who heaven and earth did make.

**P**: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

**G**: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

**P**: And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

**G**: Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

## LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?

*Refrain*



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## Devotion: Advent: An Anticipation That Gives Comfort

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

#### Reading from Luke:

The following was put together by Professor Mike Sydow while he was professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It is readings from Luke 2 interspersed with hymn stanzas from TLH 84 Christians, Wake, Salute the Happy Morn. Please open your hymnals to #84. The organ will prompt you when to sing.

#### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### Benediction

#### Silent Night