



## St. John Lutheran Church

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# *Welcome*

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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*Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'*

**5:00 pm -Advent**

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

**Service Setting for Today**

**Divine Service Four** (pp 203ff)

**A Time of Preparation**

**Prelude**

***"Light Of The World"***

O Jesus Son of God So full of grace and truth  
The Father's saving Word So wonderful are You  
The angels longed to see And prophets searched to find  
The glory we have seen revealed

You shone upon the earth But who will understand  
You came unto Your own But who will recognize  
Your birth was prophesied For You were the Messiah  
Who came and walked upon the earth  
Your glory we have seen The one and only King  
And now You're living in our hearts

Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us  
Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us

In You all things were made And nothing without You  
In heaven and on earth All things are held in You  
And yet You became flesh Living as one of us  
Under the shadow of the cross Where through the blood You shed  
You have made peace again Peace for the world that God so loves

Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us  
Light of the world Light of the world  
Light of the world You shine upon us

*(repeat 5 more times)*

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## **Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

### **Opening Song**

### ***"Here I Am to Worship"***

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth you created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
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To see my sin upon that cross.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

## Invocation

LSB 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God,

**C** Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

**P** Merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

1 John 2:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup> At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in

the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

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**G** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

John 1:6-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Message Hymn

### *"Light of The World (Sing Hallelujah)"*

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven  
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky  
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness  
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight  
Light of the World from the beginning  
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love  
From great heights of glory You saw my story  
God You entered in and became one of us  
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World  
Light of the world crown in a manger  
Born for the cross to suffer to save  
High King of Heaven death is the poorer  
We are the richer by the price that He paid  
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World  
Light of the World soon will be coming  
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own  
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory  
And there He shall reign forevermore forevermore  
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

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## Message

“True Light”

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Closing Song

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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