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WHERE
THERE IS
GOD
THERE IS
HOPE

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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary 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'***

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

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Bethlehem"

Starlight in a mother's eyes A Holy Child is born
Kings and shepherds on their knees Adoring Christ the Lord

Bethlehem Bethlehem Behold Your beautiful Savior
Fall down worship Him The King born in Bethlehem

He knew the secrets of the world His lips could not yet speak
Heaven wrapped in flesh and blood The Son of Majesty

Bethlehem Bethlehem Behold Your beautiful Savior
Fall down worship Him The King born in Bethlehem

Fall down worship the Hope of Israel
Come and adore Him Jesus Emmanuel
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Bethlehem Bethlehem Behold Your beautiful Savior
Fall down worship Him The King born in Bethlehem
You're the King born in Bethlehem

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

“Emmanuel God With Us”

Go tell it on the mountain The one that we've been waiting for
The King of our salvation Born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
That we can be forgiven The weight of all our sin He came to bear

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain Humbly in a manger lay
Mercy sent from heaven Angels fill the sky with highest praise

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations The glory of our God has come to earth

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
The Savior of the world is born
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.

Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint.

By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.

God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“The Commission”

See my hands look at my feet It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too someday But there's much to do here before you
leave

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end of the journey the end of the road
My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan

I'll make you this promise I'll come back again but until then
Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

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Message

“Mission Reset”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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.

G **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Soul On Fire"

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

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