



Messiah Lutheran Church

Red Lodge, Montana

Pastor Ben Cherland

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**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*Light in the Beartooths*

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Live by faith | Share Christ's Love | Be a Voice of Hope

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Name of Jesus Sunday

January 1, 2023

## GATHERING

### INTROIT

### GATHERING HYMN | ELW 292 LOVE HAS COME



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
slewn in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
and a - mong us



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950  
Music: F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856  
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### Greeting

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

### Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from Numbers

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ELW 284 | 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that  
2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a  
3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as  
4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



\*God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -  
rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but  
was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The  
ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan-d'ring hunt-ers heard the hymn:  
as the hunt-er braves drew nigh, the an-gel song rang loud and high:  
chiefs from far be-fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea-ver pelt.  
kneel be-fore the ra-diant boy, who brings you beau-ty, peace, and joy.



Je-sus your king is born! Je-sus is born, in ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a!

\* original: "mighty Gitchi Manitou"

Text: Jean de Brébeuf, 1593–1649; tr. Jesse E. Middleton, 1872–1960, alt.  
Music: French folk tune, c. 16th cent.  
Text © 1927 The Frederick Harris Music Company

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE  
86 86 88 and refrain

## Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**
- <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# ELW 303 | Brightest and Best of the Stars

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
 Music: James P. Harding, 1850-1911, adapt.

MORNING STAR  
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## Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from Galatians

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn ELW 288 | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
 Music: German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856

# Luke 2:15-21

A reading from Luke

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## ELW 297 | Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.

Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and

mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, What a Wonderful Child'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child. Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.' The piano part includes a dynamic marking 'p.' (piano) at the beginning of the first system.

Lis-ten to the an-gels sing: "Glo-ry, glo-ry,  
glo-ry," let the heav-ens ring!

Text: African American traditional, alt.  
 Music: African American traditional; arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1953–2002  
 Arr. © 1992 Pilgrim Press

WONDERFUL CHILD  
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## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth,  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

(God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERING

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## PREFACE

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER | WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **COMMUNION**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# Sending

## ELW 289 | 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?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

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?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

GLORIA  
7777 and refrain

## **BLESSING**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up her countenance upon you, and give you peace.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace. Share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friday, January 6 at 6:00 PM we will have our **Annual Epiphany Party** with the last of our Christmas cookies, hot beverages (Please bring your own) and the burning of Christmas Trees! Join us at the vacant section of the new church land for a festive and fiery start to the season of Epiphany! (If you'd like your tree to be burned but don't like the idea shlepping it up to the land, contact Pastor Ben to have it picked up!)

Our next Joint Worship Service with Calvary will be the day of their Annual Meeting - January 29th . The service starts at 9:00 am sharp, so don't be late!