



## **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**August 1, 2021 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:35 AM & 11:00 AM—Music & Drama Presentation**

## Setting Ten—Non-Communion Music & Drama Presentation

### PRELUDE

from *WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)*  
1. *An Old Christmas Carol (Psalitte)*

**Franz Liszt**

### GATHERING SONG

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Hymn 283**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*Refrain*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

### CHRISTMAS LITANY

In the beginning was the Word,  
**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.  
**All things came into being through him.**

In him was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness,  
**and the darkness did not overcome it.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.  
**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING****Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**SECOND READING****Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

**THIRD READING****Luke 2:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

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**Act 1**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

**Hymn 281**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

**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.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

*from WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)  
3. The Shepherds at the Manger (In dulci júbilo)*

**Franz Liszt**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Hymn 885**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**IT'S A WONDER-FULL LIFE**

**Act 2**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

.....let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**p. 208**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

**Hymn 267**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

### **DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

*from WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)  
4. Adeste Fideles (March of the three Magi)*

**Franz Liszt**

**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

**Altar Flowers.** Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Court and Baker Morris in honor of Roxanne Rich.

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## **It's A Wonder-Full Life**

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### **2021 Music & Drama Camp Participants**

Tanner Bickley  
Charles Deng  
Ivy Dickerson  
Lake Dickerson  
Brooklyn Glass  
Amelia Hilton

Katelyn Hilton  
Samuel Hilton  
Kari McBride  
Ann Marie Oswald  
Coleman Oswald  
Joe Popkowski

Emily Richardson  
Burns Roof  
Wade Roof  
Emily Sippel  
Jack Sippel  
Hannah Taylor

### **2021 Music & Drama Camp Leaders**

Lynn Arrington  
Leah Conrad  
Tina Conrad  
Kevin Davis  
Catherine Deng  
Callie Fisher

Jack Fisher  
Hannah Fogle  
Ruth Goldsmith  
Emily Hutto  
John Richardson  
Abby Grace Roof

Alexis Spainhour  
Ann Spainhour  
Linda Spainhour  
Tristan Spainhour  
Wendy Spainhour  
Nancy Stone-Collum

### **A Special Thank You**

*to Annie Ruth Addy for making the costumes for today's production.*

**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Jack Fisher, Pam Hoskins, Brandon Mathews, Ann Shealy, Natalie Shealy, Travis Spainhour, Stacey Wilson, Allen Wise.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Jo Anderson, Lib Manus, Robert Cromer, David Mellichamp, Barbara Stilwell.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Blanche Lybrand, Jeanie Jacobs, Linda Wessinger, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Sadie Howard, Boyd Steele, Elise Harmon, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Hazel Rauch, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Nancy Taylor Lee, Joe & Barbara Murphy, Betty Steele, Maida League, Judy Case, Joyce Waters, Joyce Vanhought, Chuck Backman, Martha Hinson, Bill Hunnicutt.

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, John Post.

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews.

**The Family Of:**

Pat Carter, Faye Smith, Rev. Marion Brazell.

*Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.*

***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*  
*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*  
*Vicar Gayle Nelson, Intern*