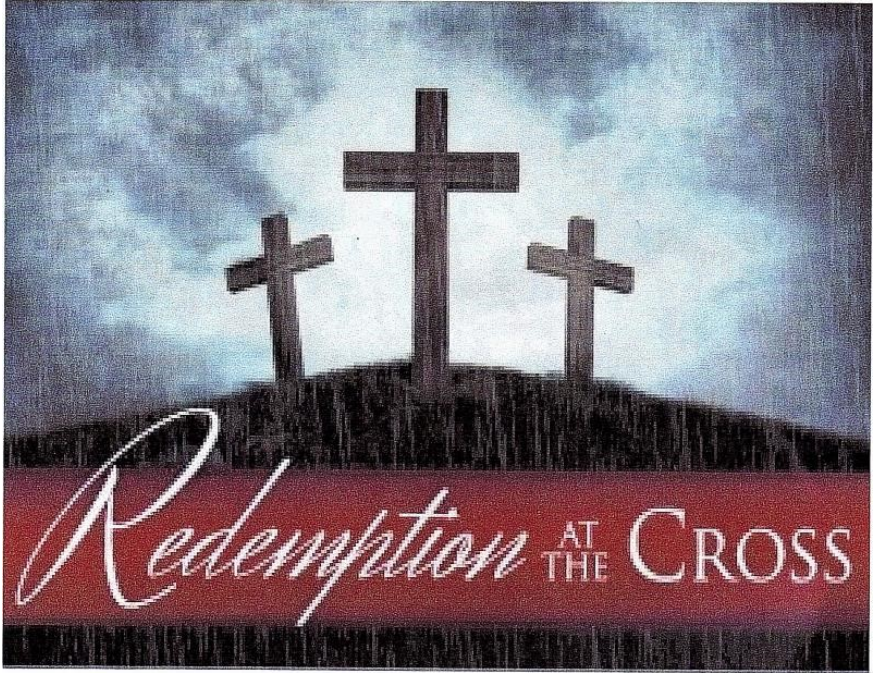




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Welcome

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'*

First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

"Adore"

You stepped down from heaven. Humbly You came.
God of all creation Here with us.
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, Light of the world here to save.

Adore, come let us adore,
O come let us adore Him!
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low,
Angel voices sing of peace on earth.
What have I to offer to heaven's King?
I will bring my life, my love, my all.

Adore, come let us adore,
O come let us adore Him!
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King.
Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening.
At Your feet, we fall.

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Light of the World”

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

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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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Christmas Day”

Joy to the world On a night like no other
Emmanuel God is with us

Beggars and kings Let us come and adore Him
Rest in His peace And bow before Him

Sing all you people The Lord almighty reigns
Sing ev'ry creature of God Come bless His name
For He is good for He is good

He was born to conquer the grave
Light of the world The reason for Christmas Day

Stars we have seen Over deserts and oceans
The darkness was deep But never hopeless
Redemption came And His name is Jesus

Sing all you people The Lord almighty reigns
Sing ev'ry creature of God Come bless His name
For He is good for He is good He was born to conquer the grave
Light of the world The reason for Christmas Day

From the mountains We will shout it out
For the Lord our God almighty reigns
He is with us He is with us now
For the Lord our God almighty reigns

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First Reading

Exodus 13:1-2 & 11-15

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

¹¹ "When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹² you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-38

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it

had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Reckless Love"

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me

You have been so so good to me

Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me

You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found

Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it

Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

And O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah
There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

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Message

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Prayer of the Church

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.**

Blessing

- ℓ 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.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

“This is Our God”

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

They were like prisons that we couldn't escape

But He came and He died and He rose

Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave

They were like mountains that stood in our way

But He came and He died and He rose

Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us

This is our God this is what He does He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away

Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness

Tell the story of His faithfulness

Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
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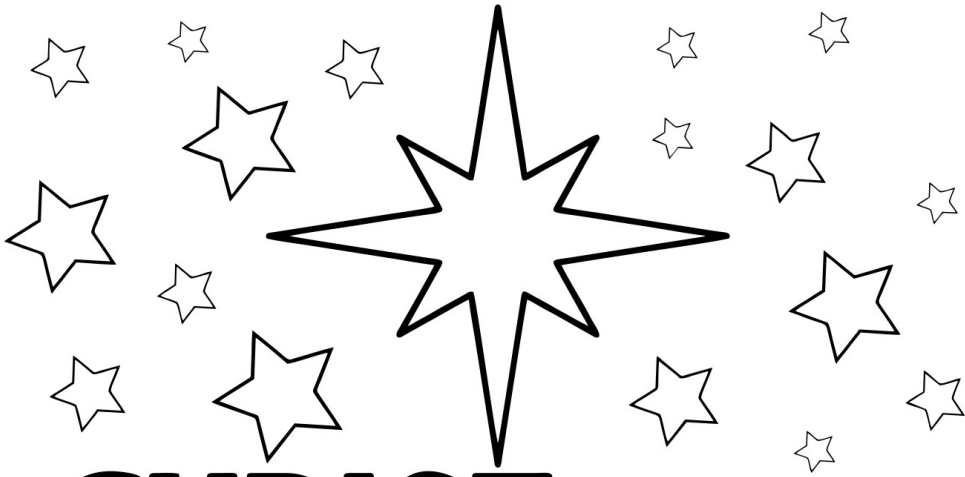
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CHRIST *the savior*
is **BORN**



