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Grace Lutheran Church
Advent 2012



Silent Night,

Holy Night

Order of Advent Worship

Pre-Service Meditation: TLH 104: Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One

1. Now praise we Christ, the Holy One,
The blessed Virgin Mary's Son,
Far as the glorious sun doth shine,
E'en to the world's remote confine.
2. He who Himself all things did make
A servant's form vouchsafed to take
That He as man mankind might win
And save His creatures from their sin.
3. The grace and power of God the Lord
Upon the mother was outpoured;
A virgin pure and undefiled
In wondrous wise conceived a child.
4. The noble mother bore a Son,-
For so did Gabriel's promise run,-
Whom John confessed and leaped with joy
Ere yet the mother knew her boy.
5. Upon a manger filled with hay
In poverty content He lay;
With milk was fed the Lord of all,
Who feeds the ravens when they call.
6. The heavenly choirs rejoice and raise
Their voice to God in songs of praise.
To humble shepherds is proclaimed
The Shepherd who the world hath framed.
7. All honor unto Christ be paid,
Pure Offspring of the favored maid,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost.

Opening Hymn:

Opening Liturgy: Vespers, TLH p. 41

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C [♩]: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C [♩]: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

Confession & Absolution:

P: Let us confess our sins and find comfort in the Lord's mercy:

**C: I lay in fetters, groaning, You've come to set me free;
I stand, my sin, bemoaning, You've come to rescue me.
A glory You have given me, A peace found in Your love,
For You have now forgiven me, Will take me home above.**

*P: Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord has pardoned, In Him your soul now rests.
He comes to you, all willing, Moved by His Love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling; For all to Him are known.*

Response:TLH 105: Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Sing [♫]: Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,
Before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
And gives us His own Son,
And gives us His own Son.

Responsive Psalm: Selected Psalms

December 5: Psalm 2, TLH p. 123
December 12: Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

Response:TLH 105: Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Sing [♫]: He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.

Scripture Reading:Selected Readings:

December 5: Luke 1:46-55
December 12: Luke 1:67-79

Confession of Faith:Formula of Concord, Person of Christ (selected)

C: Christ did not receive His majesty, to which He was exalted according to His humanity, only after His resurrection from the dead and His ascension, but when He was conceived in His mother's womb and became man and when the divine and human nature were personally united. On account of this personal union and communion of the natures, Mary, the most blessed virgin, did not conceive a mere, ordinary human being, but a human being who is truly the Son of the most high God, as the angel testifies. He demonstrated His divine majesty even in His mother's womb in that He was born of a virgin without violating her virginity. Therefore she is truly the mother of God and yet remained a virgin. Here you must take your stand and say that wherever Christ is according to the deity, He is there as a natural, divine person and is also naturally and personally there, as His conception in His mother's womb proves conclusively.

Response:TLH 105: Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Sing [♫]: A wondrous change which He does make!
He takes our flesh and blood,
And He conceals for sinners' sake
His majesty of God.
His majesty of God.

Hymn:

Sermon:

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Jesus Incarnate – Descending from Heaven:.....Isaiah 7:14

“Round Yon Virgin Mother”

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel

Hymns: TLH 95; TLH 76; TLH 646; TLH 552, st. 1-2, 8

December 5, 2012

Jesus Incarnate – Dispelling Man’s Fear:..... Luke 2:9-11

“Shepherds Quake at the Sight”

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Hymns: TLH 90; WS 715; TLH 646; TLH 558

December 12, 2012

Jesus Incarnate – Displaying God’s Love:.....John 3:16

“Love’s Pure Light. Radiant Beams from Thy Holy Face”

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Candlelight Worship Service

December 19, 2012

Hymn:.....TLH 646: Silent Night! Holy Night!

1. **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.
2. **Silent night! Holy night!**
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. **Silent Night! Holy night!**
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Offering, Prayer, & Lord’s Prayer:

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: