CHRISTMAS WITH CLEAN HANDS!

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN (CLC), LEMMON, SD CHRISTMAS EVE, 2022 **RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY, 1-8-23**

HYMN Congregation: "Oh, Come, Little Children"

- 1) Oh, come, little children, oh, come one and all, To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small, God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.
- 2) He's born in a stable for you and for me, Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see, In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild, And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

4) Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today, Lift up little hands now, and praise Him as they. Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast, And join in the song of the heavenly host.

MESSAGE: CHRISTMAS WITH CLEAN HANDS! Psalm 24:3-4a

RECITATION 1. Luke 1:26-38 (KJV) THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

- ²⁶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- ²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- ²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- ²⁹ And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
- ³⁰ And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- ³¹ And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- ³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
- ³⁴ Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
- ³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- ³⁶ And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
- ³⁷ For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- ³⁸ And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

HYMN CHOIR: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel vv. 1-2

RECITATION 2. Matthew 1:18-24 (KJV) THE ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH IN A DREAM

- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
- 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.
- 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
- 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
- 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- 24a Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him,
- 24b And he took unto him his wife.

- 3) Oh, come, Thou Day-Spring from on high And cheer us by thy drawing nigh!
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to Thee. O Israel.
- 4) Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home! Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

RECITATION 3. Luke 2:1-20 (KJV) THE BIRTH OF JESUS

- ¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
- ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

HYMN CHILDREN: Away in a Manger!

RECITATION 4. POEM

1) Jesus, Our Savior, Came long, long ago. God's Son from above. God sent Him to save us. The Bible says so!

2) He lay in a manger, God's Son from above. He came to forgive us. How great is His love!

HYMN CHILDREN: Long, Long Ago!

RECITATION 5. Luke 2:8-14 (KJV) THE ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

- 8-1 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,
- 8-2 They were keeping watch over their flock by night.
- ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

HYMN CHOIR & CONGREGATION: Silent Night!

Choir--German

1) Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Silent night! Holy night!Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht All asleep; alone awake—

Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. —only the married, highly blessed pair. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, O handsome boy with locks of hair,

Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh! Sleep in heavenly peace! Schlaf' in himmlishcer Ruh! Sleep in heavenly peace!

- 1) Choir—English
- 2) Choir--English
- 3) Congregation—English (next page)

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God! Love's pure light—
—radiant [-ly] beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

RECITATION 6. Luke 2:15-20 (KJV) THE SHEPHERDS VISIT THE CHRIST CHILD

- ¹⁵⁻¹ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem.
- ¹⁵⁻² Let us see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
- ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
- ²⁰⁻¹ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen,
- ²⁰⁻² Just as it was told unto them.

HYMN CHILDREN: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice!

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Joy to the World! Children vv. 1-2

Congregation vv. 3-4 (children return to seats with parents)

3)No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found! ::

4) He rules the world with Truth and Grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love! ::

OFFERING and Offering Prayer

Hymn 73 (melody 3) vv. 1-3 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Hymn 103 vv. 1-4 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night!

Hymn 90 vv. 1-4 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

Hymn 85 vv. 13-15 Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child!

Hymn 136 vv. 1-4 Angels, from the Realms of Glory!

CLOSING PRAYER BENEDICTION

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2022 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SONGS

LONG. LONG AGO

Lionel Wiechmann

Winds through the olive trees, softly did blow, Round little Bethlehem, Long, long ago. Sheep on the hill-side lay, whiter than snow, Shepherds were watching them, long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky, Angels bent low, Singing their songs of joy, Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed, cradled we know, Christ came to Bethlehem, Long, long ago. Christ came to Bethlehem, Long, long ago.

AWAY IN A MANGER

- 1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2) The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

LET US ALL WITH GLADSOM VOICE! (Hymn 97)

- 1) Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven, Who to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given!
- 2) To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness, That with Him in heaven's fair homes We may reign in gladness.
- 3) We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder? Therefore, praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder!

JOY TO THE WORLD! (Hymn 87)

1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing!
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2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!Let men their songs employ,While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plainsRepeat the sounding joy!::

A THANK YOU TO ALL! A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN JESUS THE SAVIOR!

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Announcements for January 8, 2023:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

 01/15
 Sun. 10:30
 Worship with COMMUNION
 9:30
 B.Class & S.Sch.

 01/22
 Sun. 10:30
 Worship
 9:30
 B.Class & S.Sch.

 01/29
 Sun. 10:30
 Worship
 9:30
 B.Class & S.Sch.

VOTERS' ANNUAL MEETING; The quarterly voters meeting covering Oct.-Nov.-Dec. is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, at 1:00. (January 29 is also open.) In addition, the meeting is also the Annual Meeting covering the entire past year. Election for one councilman will be held. A potluck meal is scheduled for noon.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Needs to schedule a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.