

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota
Pastor Brian Wasmoen*

First Sunday of Christmas 9 am December 27, 2020

ELW setting 4 *Please stand if able

WE PREPARE

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invocation
Opening Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1-3 #257
Litany (from Psalm 148)
Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens
Praise the Lord in the heights
Praise him sun, moon and stars
Fire and hail, snow and frost and stormy wind,
Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars,
Wild beasts and livestock, reptiles and birds,
Praise the name of the Lord!

WE CELEBRATE

Song of Praise "Let All Together Praise Our God" vs 1,3,4 . #287
Prayer of the Day:
Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
Message 1
Song "Once in Royal David's City" #269
First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Song "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #275
*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40
*Share the Peace
Message 2
Song "What Child Is This" #296
Message 3
Song "Away in the Manger" #277
Apostles' Creed
The Prayers Lord's Prayer

WE ARE SENT

Sending/Dismissal
Closing Hymn "The Bells of Christmas" vs 1-4 #298
Postlude

Thanks to all those assisting with our Worship and Fellowship!

Accompanist: Dana Lewis
Song Leader: Mallory McMahn
Worship Leader: Diane Dangel
Usher:

Radio Broadcast and the Bulletins today: are given in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Verna Ellenson.

**Operating Offering last week - \$
Sanctuary Fund - \$
World Hunger - \$ 20.00**

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**"Through the grace of God, we are
worshiping, sharing, growing."**

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear;

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh;
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. **Rejoice:**

3. O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law in clouds and majesty, and awe. **Refrain:**

#287 Let All Together Praise Our God

1. Let all together praise our God before the highest throne;
Today God opens heav'n again and sends the only Son, and sends the only Son.

3. O tender Child, you veil in flesh the spender of your might; a servant's garb
now wraps the one who clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.

4. Your mother feeds you tenderly, sings you a lullaby, while angels
Hailing David's heir, your glory magnify, your glory magnify.

#269 Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven set at God's right hand on high;
There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

#275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new born king.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. **Refrain:**

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star. **Refrain:**

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father. Spirit. Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. **Refrain:**

#296 What Child Is This

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Hast, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own him.
The king of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

#277 Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

#298 The Bells of Christmas

1. The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
with new year gifts of peace, good will.
2. This world tho wide and far out-spread,
could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall,
no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.
3. Now let us go with quiet mind,
the swaddled babe with shepherds find,
To gaze on him, who gladdens them,
the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.
4. Oh join with me, in gladness sing,
To keep our Christmas with our king,
Until our song, from loving souls
Like rushing mighty water rolls!

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7

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

Luke 2:22-40

²² 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 firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'
²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; * this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. * ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon * came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon * took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant * in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which 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 the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon * blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'
³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna * the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child * to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.