

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Christmas

LUKE 2:22-38

December 27, 2020: *First Sunday of Christmas*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson

PRELUDE:

Joy to the World – Fred Bock
Erik Johnson, organ; Michael Olson, piano

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing -- arr. David Willcocks
David and Kathy Ferreira, Karl and Sarah Altenburg
Linda Jaeger, Paul Nelson, Kate Moe
Michael Olson, accompanist

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Love from the beginning.
Word made flesh.
Breath of heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again.
Amen.**

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior is born!
You are loved and forgiven
In the name of Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved.
Because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

C: Amen.

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1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-38

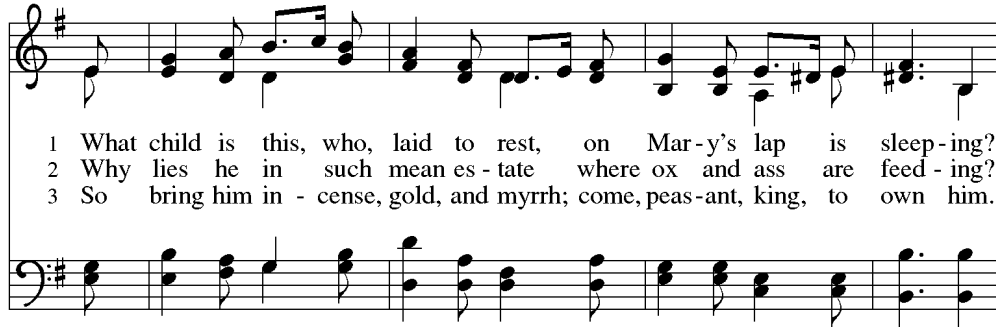
MUSICAL MEDITATION/VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers – Swedish Folk Tune
Bonnie and Terry Yoney, Carole and Mark Richman; Michael Olson, accompanist

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *What Child Is This*

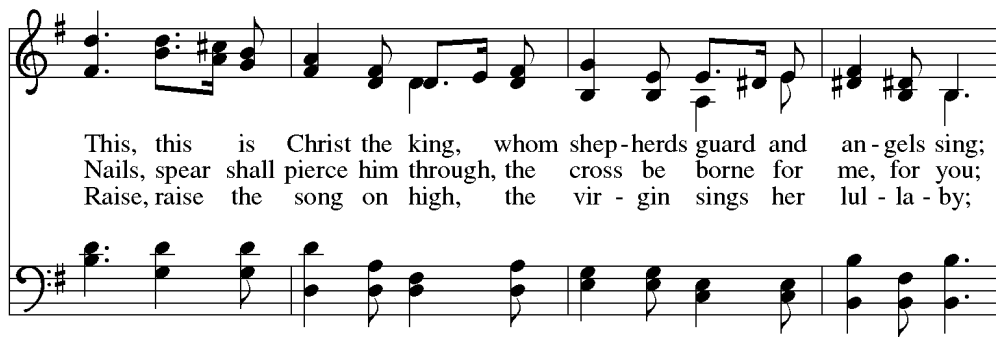
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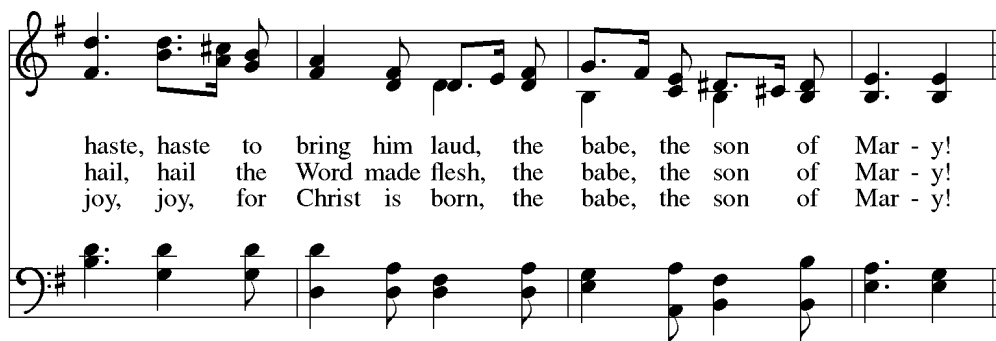
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

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PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER: *(spoken by the congregation)*

**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.**

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

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SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World*

(ELW 267)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
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 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

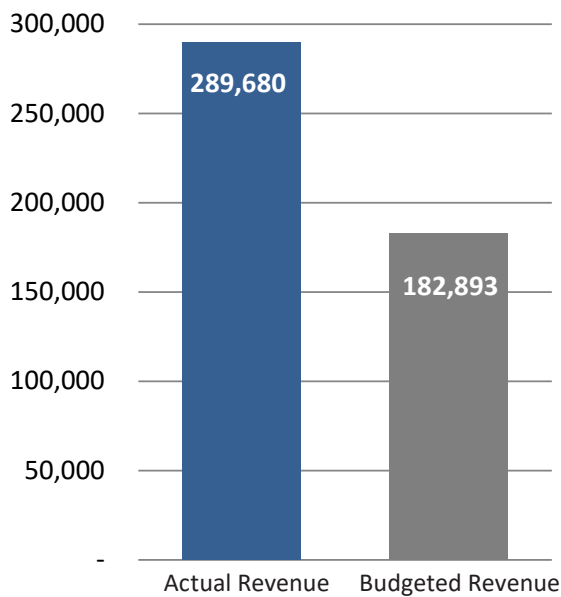
POSTLUDE:

A Carol Fantasy - Gilbert M. Martin
 Erik Johnson, organ; Michael Olson, piano

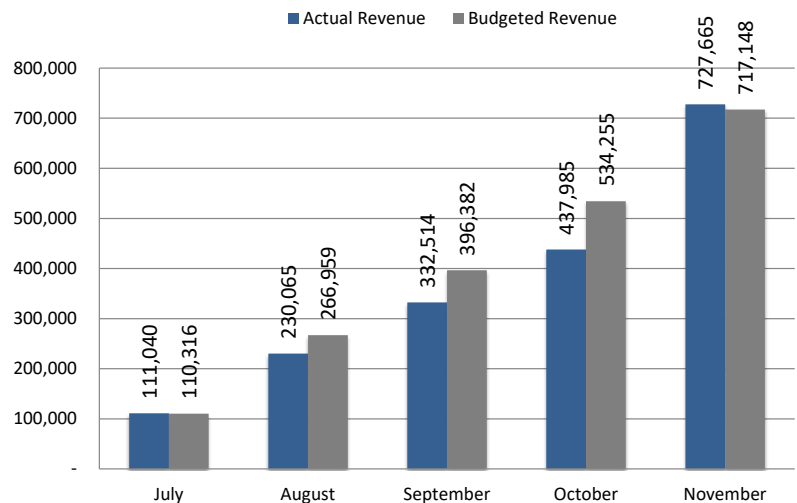
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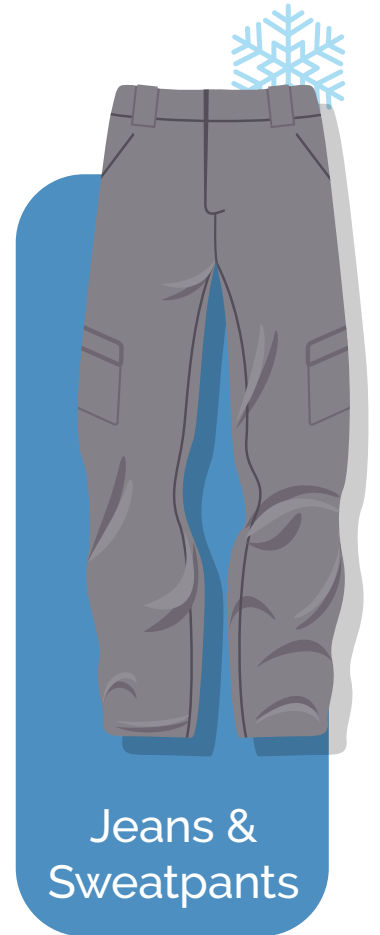
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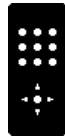
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The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Jeff Swanson**, brother of Carol Marquardt; **Noren Meland**, father of Kathy Tinquist; **Lee Steffens**, husband of Karen Steffens; **Duane Nielsen**, brother of Al Nielsen; and **Phyllis Kannowski**, sister of Janice Kloster and aunt of Polly Kloster.

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