



We are blessed to have you worship with us today!

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT | DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 3:00PM & 7:00PM

# PLEASE JOIN US!

### **Our Team**

Pastor Mark Chase

Deacon John Angove Music Director Danielle Przewlocki

# "WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR"

If you have any questions, feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Chase, or Deacon John

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

BEFORE OUR SERVICE BEGINS, FOR THE SANCTITY OF OUR WORSHIP AND THE BENEFIT OF THOSE AROUND YOU, PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES. PLEASE TIME ENTRANCES AND EXITS DURING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING TO MINIMIZE DISTRACTION TO OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### **PRESERVICE**

[ Please Rise ]

#### THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold Him, Born the King of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

Pastor: Come, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Instrumental Interlude

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Vocalist: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory

to God in the highest:

**All:** Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be — glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now In flesh appearing!

Refrain

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which God intends for all to hear!

Deacon: For to you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Women: This shall be a sign: for you; you will find the Christ-child wrapped in swaddling

clothes and lying in a manger.

Pastor: For to you is born a Savior Who loves you more than His own life!

Deacon: And to you is born the final sacrifice for all your sins!

Pastor: For to you is born the Lord of life Who seeks a place in each of your hearts that will

cradle His presence and cherish His gifts.

Men: And we bring you good tidings of great joy which God intends for your ears

tonight!

Vocalist: For to you is born the Son of God! Deacon: And to you is born the Son of Man!

Pastor: To us is born the Savior, which is Christ the Lord!

Vocalist: Come, lift up your heads and see what has come about; this thing of which angels

sing and shepherds shout!

Deacon: Once more our Savior enters our darkness with His glory and light.

Pastor: Come and worship Him on bended knee.

Vocalist: Adore Him as your Lord and Savior.

All: Amen!

[ Please Be Seated ]

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Run Shepherds Run"

by Sid Fitch, Bill Miller, Mike Baker & Shelly Freese

# A CHRISTMAS WELCOME CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Peace to you!

All: And To You, Too!

Deacon: God loves you very much. [John 3:16-17]

All: He Loves You As Well.

Pastor: Though heaven is His throne and earth His footstool, and though, to Him, a

thousand years is but a day. [2 Peter 3:8]

God has chosen to fill this insignificant place at this mundane moment with the

radiance of His REAL presence.

All: Thanks Be To God!

Pastor: Let us confess our sins: our faults and our failings, that, being absolved, we may

approach His holy presence with confidence.

[Psalm 32:5 & 1 John 1:8-10]

All: Though No Eye See Or Ear Detect Your Movement Among Us This Night, We Know That You Are Here As We Gather Together In Your Name. Father, Almighty God, Prince Of Peace And Wonderful Counselor, Hear This Our Confession And Forgive Us Our Sins For The Sake Of Jesus Christ, Your Son And Our Lord.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sins and seek God's mercy

Pastor:

Be not afraid! I have good news of great joy for you! Unto you was born a child Who gave His life that you might not die. Freely He bore your sins upon a cross that you might freely be forgiven. In His name and on His behalf, I announce the good news of Christ's absolution. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:22-23]

All: Amen! I Am Forgiven! You Are Forgiven! We Are Forgiven!

[Very Loud] Glory To God In The Highest!

Pastor: And peace to all people on earth!

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LBW#60

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor: Throughout the season of Advent, we have lived, waited, and remembered the

hope, peace, joy and love of God found in Christ. Tonight, the wait is over. We light

this candle for Christ.

All: [Very Loud] Christ has come! Christ is here! Merry Christmas!

#### **HYMN OF THE WORD**

"Angels We Have Heard On High" LSB 368

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo, glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

#### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks

at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This is the Gospel of our Lord: the good news of Jesus and His birth!

All: All Glory Be To God On High!

#### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Away in a Manger" LBW#67

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, 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.

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.

**SERMON** 

The Light Has Come John 1:1-14

#### OFFERING



Scan the QR Code if you would like to give online!



Please pass blue connection cards with prayer requests on them towards the center aisle.

Cards with no prayer requests can be placed directly in the offering plate.

SPECIAL MUSIC

3:00 PM

"How Many Kings" by Danielle Przewłocki

7:00 PM

"Breath of Heaven" by Darlene Rooney

#### **CHRISTMAS PRAYERS & THE 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.

#### **HYMN OF JOY**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The ushers will light the candles nearest the center aisles.

Please tilt the unlit candles to the lighted candles.

PLEASE DO NOT TILT THE LIGHTED CANDLES.

[Please Rise]

#### CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Pastor: Tonight, may the gift of God's love through the light of Christ's life shine brightly

around you, warmly within you, and boldly beyond you, now and forever. Amen.

All: Amen! Merry Christmas!

Deacon: Merry Christmas!

#### THE CLOSING HYMN

Silent Night LBW#65

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.

#### [Acappella]

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Interlude

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.

Thank you for coming!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!



# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

#### **Men's Bible Study**

Current Sermon Series
Vern Fruehling & Gordon Leaman
verden2@q.com
602-312-9195 at CTV
Every Monday 8am-9am

### **RISE - JR Youth Group**

2nd-6th Grade, led by Kayla Piel Tuesdays from 5-6:30pm at CTV \*Not meeting 12/30

# "Unshakable Hope, Building Our Lives on the Promises of God"

by Max Lucado Lead by Gordon & Kathy Leaman Gordon.leaman@ChristTheVictor.net 918-645-4232 | Sun City Anthem 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30pm \*On Holiday Break 'til 2026

## **Experiencing the heart of Jesus**

- by Max Lucado Led by Lori Stenerson, Dale Pack, Steve Sommers & Guest Speakers Contact Lori (701) 200-8821 Loristenerson98@gmail.com Every Wednesday, 10am at CTV Not meeting 12/31

All are welcome, anytime!

#### **GriefShare**

Christ Centered Support Group Meeting Thursdays Starting 1/15 10:30am at CTV

#### Lutheranism 101

Led by Pastor Mark Chase Meeting Thursdays 1:00pm @ At CTV \*Not meeting 12/25 & 1/1

### "Parables of Jesus Through Peasant Eyes"

By Pastor Robert Berthold Rick Otto | rrotto1946@gmail.com 480-390-7182 at CTV 2nd & 4th Fridays @ 10am \*Not meeting 12/26

### **Monthly Women's Luncheon**

November Location: TBA 2nd Friday of each month January 9, 2026

### **Chase Life Group**

Pastor Chase & Karla Chase Mrskarlachase@gmail.com 3rd Friday of each month 6-8pm (kids welcome)



# "Behold, Your King is Coming" Christmas Eve: The Light Has Come | John 1:1-14

<u>Main Point</u>: What Advent promised, Christmas fulfills. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Behold! Christ our King is here to dwell with us forever and ever, Amen!

<u>My Notes</u> :			