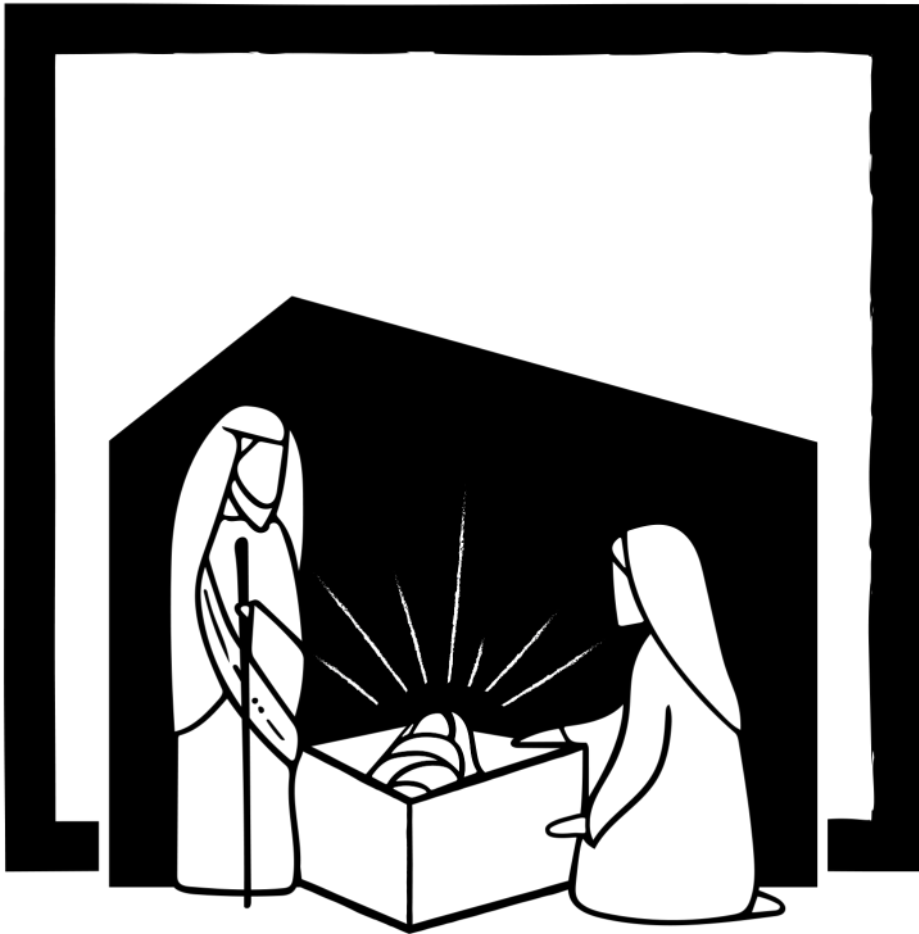


**January 1, 2023
1st Sunday after Christmas**



A SAVIOR IS BORN

Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

333 O Little Town of Bethlehem

CW 333



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

331 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

CW 331 sts. 6-7



6 How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the
7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, and see what



shep - herds let us go to see what God for
in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so



us has done in send - ing us his own dear Son.
young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9 (EHV)

I will tell about the LORD's mercies,
about the praises of the LORD,
about all that the LORD has done for us,
about his great goodness to the house of Israel,
which he performed for them according to his abundant compassion,
and according to his great mercy.

⁸He said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely,"
so he became their Savior.

⁹In all their anguish he felt anguish,
and the Angel of his Presence saved them.
In his love and in his pity he himself redeemed them,
and he took them up and carried them all the days of old.

331 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

CW 331 sts. 8-9



8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, thro' whom the
9 Ah, Lord, though you cre - at - ed all, how weak you



sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my
are, so poor and small, that you should choose to



mis - er - y, that you might share your joy with me.
lay your head where low - ly cat - tle late - ly fed!

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SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7 (EHV)

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, “*Abba, Father!*” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

331 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

CW 331 st. 10



10 Were earth a thou - sand times as fair and set with



gold and jew - els rare, it would be far too



poor and small a cra - dle for the Lord of all.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23 (EHV)

After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him.”

¹⁴Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt.

¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Wise Men, he was furious. He issued orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under. This was in keeping with the exact time he had learned from the Wise Men. ¹⁷Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. The angel said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

²¹Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus, Herod’s son, had succeeded his father as ruler in Judea, he was afraid to go there. Since he had been warned in a dream, he went to the region of Galilee. ²³When he arrived there, he settled in a city called Nazareth. So what was spoken through the prophets was fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

355 Let All Together Praise Our God

CW 355



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, is born an
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine a ser - vant's
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and in a man - ger, poor and lone, lies
 form to take, in want and low - li - ness must pine who
 hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, lies in a hum - ble stall.
 heav'n and earth did make, who heav'n and earth did make.
 glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.

5 He serves that I a lord may be—
 a great exchange indeed!
 Could Jesus' love do more for me
 to help me in my need,
 to help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
 of paradise today.
 The angel guards the gate no more;
 to God our thanks we pay,
 to God our thanks we pay.

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STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name.

M: It is fitting, O Lord, as one year ends and another begins, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.

M: You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.

M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.

N: C: We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.

M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

**C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

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.

BE SEATED

334 I Stand beside Your Manger Here

CW 334



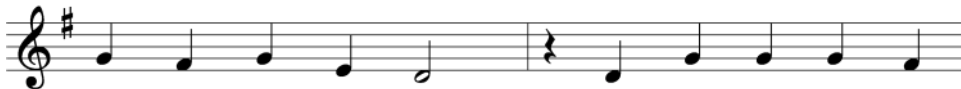
1 I stand be - side your man - ger here, O Je - sus,
 2 Be - fore I ev - er came to be, or knew of
 3 Death held me in the deep - est night till you, my
 4 One thing I hope; my Sav - ior, hear; be - stow on



life from heav - en. The gifts I bring as I draw near
 you, my Sav - ior, you'd cho - sen me, been born for me,
 sun - shine beam - ing, brought joy and bliss and life and light,
 me this bless - ing, that I may ev - er hold you near,



are what to me you've giv - en: my spir - it,
 that I might have your fa - vor. Be - fore you
 in love my soul re - deem - ing. O Sun, your
 you as my own pos - sess - ing. So let my



cour - age, mind, and heart— take all I am, take
 formed me by your hand in grace you had al -
 rays so warm and fair have made my dark - ness
 heart your man - ger be; come, ho - ly Child, lie



ev - 'ry part; in mer - cy let it please you.
 read - y planned how I would learn to love you.
 dis - ap - pear— faith's pre - cious light is shin - ing.
 down in me with all your joy - ful trea - sures.

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STAND

M: Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



356 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

CW 356



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ, our Sav - ior, was born on Christ - mas Day
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,
this day is born a Sav - ior, the true and ra - diant light,
and in true love and fel - low - ship each oth - er now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas is filled with heav'n - ly grace.



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and joy,



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

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THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

January 1 - 8, 2023

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism and Bible History
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Bible Class
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	8:45am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship