

Christmas Day

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Okaloosa, MDN



WELCOME We warmly welcome our visitors and are pleased to have you spend Christmas morning with us. May the joy and peace that Jesus brings be yours today and always.

Organ Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.

From God, our heavenly Father, a bless`ed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:

The shepherds at these tidings rejoic`ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed Babe to find:

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him,

C: And without Him nothing was made that was made.

P: In Him was life,

C: And the life was the light of men.

*O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone So we could be restored.*

*Upon our frail humanity God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity, The icon of His grace.*

P: Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam,

C: Who is a type of Him who was to come.

P: Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation,

C: Even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

P: For when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son,

C: Born of a woman, born under the law,

P: To redeem those who were under the law,

C: That we might receive the adoption as sons.

*What Adam lost, none could reclaim And Paradise was barred
Until the second Adam came To mend what sin had marred.*

*For when the time was full and right God sent His only Son;
He came to us as life and light And our redemption won.*

P: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

C: And the world did not know Him.

P: He came to His own,

C: And His own did not receive Him.

P: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,

C: To those who believe in His name:

P: Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,

C: But of God.

He came to that which was His own, But He was not received;

*Yet still through Him God's glory shone, And some His name believed.
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n above,
Born not of human ancestry, But born of God in love.*

P: Let this mind be in you,

C: Which was also in Christ Jesus,

P: Who, being in the form of God,

C: Did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

P: But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant,

C: And coming in the likeness of men.

P: And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death,

C: Even the death of the cross.

P: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,

C: That you through His poverty might become rich.

*Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell Among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel, To bring this holy birth.
Though rich, You willingly became One with our poverty,
That we might share Your wealth and name For all eternity!*

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:8-15

Hymn 92:1-3 *Now Sing We Now Rejoice*

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn 90:1-4, 8 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14

Hymn 136 :1-3 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:14-20

Hymn 715 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

The Sermon Genesis 49:8-12 “Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise; your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies; your father’s children shall bow down before you. Judah *is* a lion’s whelp; from the prey,

my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people. Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes *are* darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk."

Best Christmas Ever?

Angels we have heard on high Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their brave delight.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 709 *God Loves Me Dearly*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

Hymn 707 *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

