



Glory to God

IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH

peace,

GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14, KJV

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022

THE PRELUDE:

Musical Selections from the Choir, Organist, and other members of the Holy Cross Music Ministry

THE INVOCATION AND PROCLAMATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Good news! The distress, the darkness, the gloom of anguish are over!

C: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given! And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: **Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men!**

THE OPENING HYMN: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LSB 379

1 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**

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

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: **Refrain**

4 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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

C: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life."

P: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

P: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

(Silence for reflection and prayer.)

P: Confident that our God is gracious and forgiving, let us confess our sins to Him as children speaking to their loving Father.

C: **Holy and loving God, You have only blessed me with good, and I have responded by trusting my ways rather than Yours and sinning against You and my neighbor. I confess that I have sinned in what I have thought, spoken and done, as well in those things I should have done but didn't. You have reason to be disappointed with me and be angry. Yet I believe You to be patient and loving toward me. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for my sins, forgive me, renew my heart, fill me with love toward You and my neighbor that overflows with acts of kindness and service.**

P: Our Lord's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," and "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven" Assured and commanded by God's Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE HYMN OF OUR JOY:

"Joy to the World"

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1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 98:1-6

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

(Tune: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing")

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love; God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on High"
God who saw Your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave Your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates Your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only begotten Son in the human flesh may set us free from the bonds of sin.

C: **We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of

Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(4PM) Sunday School Children: "Away in a Manger"

THE EPISTLE READING:

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 Which inspire your heav'nly song?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL READING:

Luke 2:1-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God

and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE CHRISTMAS CREED:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son to be my Savior on Christmas Day;

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil;

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who has brought me to faith in my Savior Jesus Christ, and by whose continuous work in my heart, I rejoice in my salvation showing forth praises. I am led by the Spirit to lay before Christ's feet the treasures of my love and will live under Him for He gives everlasting life to me both now and forevermore.

(Please be seated)

HYMN: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LSB 374

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.
- 2 Angels sang about His birth,
Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth
Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!

THE SERMON: "Fulfillment Proclaimed"

Luke 2:1-20

(7:00 pm) THE CHORAL OFFERING: "A Stable Lamp"

Text: Richard Wilbur Music: David Hurd

*A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbour heaven, a stall become a shrine.*

*This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches,
and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull and dumb,
and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.*

*Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken,
and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry for gifts of love abused;
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's blood again refused.*

*But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry in praises of the child
by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.*

(Please Stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Almighty God, by the incarnation of Your eternal Son, You revealed that You are love. Give us true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are Yours. Fill us with joy, and lead us to proclaim Your glad tidings to all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, by His birth in human flesh, Your dear Son took His place in the family of Mary and Joseph. Bless the families of our church and our country, that men and women would live faithfully as husbands and wives, loving and caring for their children and nurturing them in the grace of Baptism and all the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son born in Bethlehem is the Son of David and the Lord of David, to whom every knee shall bow. Look upon those You have placed in authority, and grant that they would govern in wisdom and justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You love us and sent Your Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Strengthen us to love one another. As You have mercy upon all who are poor and troubled, so perfect Your love in us, that we would gladly be Your instruments of help in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, in the birth of Your Son, You have visited and redeemed Your people. Continue to visit those who are lonely, sick, recovering or near death [*especially* _____]. Let Your presence be a comfort to them, and give them perseverance until the time You grant healing, relief, deliverance and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who feeds us in body and soul, give true faith in Your promises to all who will receive Your Son's body and blood this night. Sustain Your people in humble repentance and godly living. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank You, dear Lord, for the saints who received Your blessing of righteousness in Christ and now stand in the most holy place before Your throne. Preserve us by Your grace in the holiness of Christ, that we, too, may dwell in Your light and life for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C 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.**

† SACRAMENT †

THE PREFACE:

(Tune: Angels We Have Heard On High)

P: May the good Lord be with You. Lift Your hearts to God in praise.

C: **May the Lord be with you too. To the Lord our hearts we raise.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!! (2X)**

P: In the Word of God made flesh – Great and wondrous mystery –

C: **Now we see with vision fresh God's abundant majesty.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!! (2X)**

P: Therefore with the church on earth And the hosts of heav'n above
C: **Let us praise His name, whose birth Brings to us eternal love
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!! (2X)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" LSB 358

1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

2 "To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

- 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
- 4 "He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.
- 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all,
How weak You are, so poor and small,
That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!

- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair
 And set with gold and jewels rare,
 It would be far too poor and small
 A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff
 You have but hay and straw so rough
 On which as King, so rich and great,
 To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see
 This simple truth revealed to me:
 That worldly honor, wealth, and might
 Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
 Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
 A quiet chamber set apart
 For You to dwell within my heart.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap;
 My lips no more can silence keep.
 I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
 That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
 Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
 While angels sing with pious mirth
 A glad new year to all the earth.

(Please stand)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

The pastor takes the light from the Christ candle and gives it to the ushers. They pass the light on to the congregation.

(As you light your candle, please tip yours into the candle you are lighting from. Keep yours straight up as the person next to you tips theirs into yours.)

Lights are dimmed.

THE CANDLE LIGHT HYMN:

“Silent Night”

LSB 363

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born,
Christ, the Savior is born.

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

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL:

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

THE BENEDICTION: (Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High) Numbers 6:24–26

P: May the Good Lord bless and keep,
Cause His face on you to shine,
Look on you with favor deep,
Granting you His peace divine.

C: **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO! (2X)**

C: **AMEN!**

(Extinguish your candle by cupping your hand around the flame and GENTLY blow your candle out so that wax does not get dripped on the carpet. There will be a container to place them in as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you! It is greatly appreciated.)

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

LSB 388

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,
 Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
 O'er silent flocks by night,
 Behold, throughout the heavens
 There shone a holy light. **Refrain**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
 When lo, above the earth
 Rang out the angel chorus
 That hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

3 Down in a lonely manger
 The humble Christ was born;
 And God sent us salvation
 That blessèd Christmas morn. **Refrain**

THE POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah" from Händel's "Messiah,"

Organ Solo

THE SUNDAY HERALD

December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023

MONDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED
AA 7:00pm

TUESDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED

WEDNESDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED

THURSDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED

FRIDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED

SATURDAY
NO WORSHIP

SUNDAY
Communion Worship 10:00am
NO BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

ABOUT THE COVER

In the mystery of the incarnation, God's power and might have come to us in the form of a vulnerable infant! His holy arm has worked unexpectedly and magnificently by taking on our human flesh in order to save us. For when Christ grew to adulthood, He bared His holy arm in the power of the cross-outstretched for all to see His merciful and unending love.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK

Sunday January 29th following the 10:00 am service. The Sunday School Board will be hosting the potluck. The theme is tacos! Please sign up in the

church narthex. If you have any questions please contact Laurel Clemons at 248-331-5945. Come join us in some fun and fellowship!

THANKS TO COUNCIL

Join us on Sunday, January 8th in Bible Class as we thank our past and present Council Members. There will be cake (this will take place of the donuts) and bagels. Hope to see you there!

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The office will be closed December 23, 2022 thru January 2, 2023. If you have an emergency, please contact your Elder. You can also leave a message at

586-751-2550. Someone will be checking the messages. Thank you!

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Are you interested in helping with the lunch bag project in 2023? Would you like to purchase the chips, or the water, or how about the cookies for the 50 lunch bags we provide FOG? We will notify you of our 2023 dates in January. If a particular date works for you, please contact Roberta Hanka (586-457-8135). It takes all of us working together to make this work - Thank YOU!!

SAVE THE DATE

The Eisinger's are inviting Holy Cross members to an Open House on New Year's Day from 2-6 pm. Stop by for some homemade eggnog and a variety of appetizers. The address is 43681 Perignon in Sterling Heights.

AN UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE:

A new Call List has been requested to the Michigan District, and we expect to receive it by the end of the month. Meetings will be held in January to determine our opportunities and hopefully conduct Zoom interviews with the preferred pastoral candidates.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 offering envelopes are available for pick-up near the church mailboxes. Please do not begin using these until January 1, 2023. In order to conserve money, we did not issue

envelopes to members that have not contributed in the last 2 years. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them, please contact the church office.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please fill out the GREEN paper in your bulletin if you want your contribution statement sent to you electronically (via email). We need this form filled out every year just to make sure that there have not been any changes. By switching to email delivery, you can receive your statement more quickly and we can save postage costs. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704 or the church office. This is a good time to give us any updates on your phone number and/or address. Thank you!

FROM THE STAFF

We need to remember that Christ was born to save us. When we read Isaiah 9:2-7 and sing "Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388 this Christmas Eve, try putting yourself in the Shepherds place. How would you feel? Would you go and tell that God sent us salvation on Christmas morn? Take comfort in knowing that God did send His only son Jesus to save us. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! Deacon Tony and Deacon Larry, Becky and Michael.