

# CHRISTMAS DAY



Luther Memorial Church  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin  
Pastor Dave Naumann

December 25, 2009  
10:00 A.M.  
Organist Adrienne Fillmore

**WELCOME!** to our celebration of God's greatest Gift – His Own Son and our great Savior, Jesus Christ the Baby of Bethlehem. We implore God the Holy Spirit to renew in our hearts this great Gospel message. Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

## TODAY'S FESTIVAL WORSHIP

*Please join us in the responsive readings and singing of hymn stanzas.*

**Hymn 79** (*standing*) "Rejoice! Rejoice! This Happy Morn!"

### **Responsive Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7:**

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born,

**Congregation: Unto us a Son is given;**

P: And the government will be upon His shoulder.

**C: And His name will be called**

P: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God

**C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Of the increase of His government and peace

**C: There will be no end,**

P: Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom

**C: To order it and establish it with judgment and justice**

P: From that time forward, even forever.

**C: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy**

**Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: On this Christmas Day, we boldly draw near the throne of Grace with humble and repentant hearts, confessing our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE CHRISTMAS PSALMODY

Page 26 in the Worship Supplement 2000  
"Sing To The Lord"

## Characters of Christmas Past and Present

### I. Caesar Augustus

P: O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth,

**C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

**Hymn:** 99:1&2 "Now Are the Days Fulfilled"

**Lesson:** Luke 2:1-3

**Hymn:** 106:6&7 "The People That in Darkness Sat

## II. Mary & Joseph

P: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

**C: Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

**Hymn 712:1** “*What Child is This?*”

**Lesson:** Luke 2:4-7

**Hymn 83:5&6** “Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices”

## III. The Shepherds

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

**Hymn 109:1-2** “*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*”

**Lesson:** Luke 2:8-11

**Hymn 646:2-3** “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

## IV. The People of Bethlehem

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: And the son of man that You visit him?**

**Hymn 647:1-2** “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

**Lesson:** Micah 5:2

**Hymn 710:1-2** “*Once in Royal David’s City*”

## V. The Angels

P: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

**C: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

**Hymn 207:1&3** “*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*”

**Lesson:** Luke 2:13-14

## Anthem – LEISE RIESELT DER SCHNEE

*Words and arrangement by G M 1964*

1. Fields are peaceful and white,  
Christmas shines through the night,  
Snowflakes like jewels appear,  
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
2. Carols echo on high,  
Clear as stars in the sky,  
Angels from heaven appear,  
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
3. Sin’s dread curse now is gone,  
Peace with God through His Son,  
Freed from all sadness and fear  
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
4. Sing and let us rejoice,  
Join with glad heart and voice  
Come, with the shepherds draw near,  
Joyfully, Jesus is here!

## VI. The Christ Child

P: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

**C: You have put all *things* under his feet,**

P: All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field,

**C: The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea**

**Hymn 712:2-3** “*What Child is This?*”

**Lesson:** Luke 20:28-31

**Hymn 711:1&4** “See in Yonder Manger Low”

### The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn: 108:1&6

### The Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

**Closing Hymn 93:1&2** “*O Lord, We Welcome Thee*”

*\*\*\*Silent Prayer\*\*\**

*A Blessed Christmas to all!* May your rejoicing in the Christ Child continue in your heart all your days. Please join us again for our New Year’s Eve Communion service next Thursday at 7:00 pm and our New Year’s Day Song Service (Cong. Favorites!) at 10:00 am. Our regular services are at 10:00 am Sundays with Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00 am.