

and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

“The Word Made Flesh”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 710 — *Once in Royal David’s City*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 92 — *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Pastor Libby Out of Town:** Pastor Libby and his family plan to be out of the area during the first part of this coming week. If you need to contact Pastor Libby during this time, you can reach him on his cell phone at (507) 382-2281.
- **Christmas Greetings from Overseas:** Christmas greetings from our brethren overseas (CLCI, BELC, Himalayan CLC of Nepal, CLC of Myanmar) can be found displayed on the table at the back of the church sanctuary.
- **CLC News:** Erin Libby of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has returned the call to teach at Holy Trinity Lutheran school, West Columbia SC.

Our Response of Faith — December 18, 2011

Attendance: 94

Unified Budget.....	\$635.50
CLC General Budget.....	\$ 50.00
Total.....	\$685.50

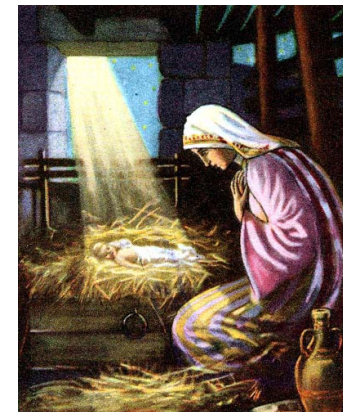
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Christ, the Savior, Is Born!

DECEMBER 25, 2011 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 98, pg. 144

Organist: Lane Fischer

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 102 — *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

People: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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 Forgiveness

Pastor: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. But I am sorry for my transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto me. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, renew me by Your Spirit, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you 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 the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[All Sing]: God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

*God, we name You sovereign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n
and earth draw near Your throne*

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. *Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Hebrews 1:1-9

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? 6 But when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." 7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 76 — A Great and Mighty Wonder

The Sermon – John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,