



# Welcome to Worship

December 24, 2021

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

## Holy Communion

We will celebrate communion this evening at the altar. If you are worshiping online you are invited so have communion also. Please have bread and wine (or juice) ready in your home.

**What's happening this week at Our Redeemer**  
Join us on Sunday for online worship.

## Memorial Poinsettia's

### From Karen Wilcox

-In honor Peter Dowd, Brianna's father-in-law  
-In Honor of the parents' of The Wilcoxes and The Olsens  
-In honor of sister Ann & brother Andy

### From Robin Freeman

-In honor of Angela Ross

### From Linda Lefler

-In honor of all those we have lost in 2021

### From Paul & Clarice Steen

-In honor of their family

## Prelude

**O Holy Night**  
Megan Switzler

## Welcome and Christmas Proclamation

**Many ages** from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image; **long after** the great flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant; **twenty-one centuries** from the time the promise was given to Abraham and Sarah; **thirteen centuries** after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and Miriam danced in freedom; **eleven hundred years** from the time of Ruth and the judges; **one thousand years** from the anointing of David as king, in fulfillment of the times and years and months and days discerned by the prophets; in the **one hundred and ninety-fourth** Olympiad; **the seven hundred and fifty-second year** from the foundation of the city of Rome; **the forty-second year** of the reign of Octavian Augustus; while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and **nine months of growth** in the womb of his mother—**now in our own times** is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

**Light of the World**  
Megan Switzler

## Litany: Psalm 96

P: Sing a new song to the LORD! Everyone on this earth,  
C: **sing praises to the LORD, sing and praise his name. Day after day announce, "The LORD has saved us!"**  
P: Tell every nation on earth, The LORD is wonderful and does marvelous things!  
C: **The LORD is great and deserves our greatest praise! He is the only God worthy of our worship.**  
P: Other nations worship idols, but the LORD created the heavens.  
C: **Give honor and praise to the LORD, whose power and beauty fill his holy temple.**  
P: Tell everyone of every nation, Praise the glorious power of the LORD.  
C: **He is wonderful! Praise him and bring an offering into his temple.**  
P: Everyone on earth, now tremble and worship the LORD, majestic and holy.  
C: **Announce to the nations, The LORD is King!**  
P: The world stands firm, never to be shaken, and he will judge its people with fairness."  
C: **Tell the heavens and the earth to be glad and celebrate!**  
P: Command the ocean to roar with all of its creatures and the fields to rejoice with all of their crops. Then every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the LORD.  
C: **He is coming to judge all people on earth with fairness and truth.**

**Joy to the World (267), verse 1**

## Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

**Joy to the World (267), verse 2**

## Reading: Titus 2:11-14

**O Little Town of Bethlehem (279), verse 1**

## Reading: Luke 2:1-7

**O Little Town of Bethlehem (279), verse 2**

## Reading: Luke 2:8-14

**Angels We Have Heard on High (289), verse 1**

## Reading: Luke 2:15-20

**Angels We Have Heard on High (289), verses 2**

## Message: Pastor Nancy

## Hymn of the Day

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (276)**

*Loving God, loving neighbor*

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool – 721 Doris Avenue, Oxnard

**We need volunteers!**  
*If you can help with sound and Zoom it will be very helpful for our hybrid worship (we can teach you what to do). We also need worship assistants. Please let Pastor Nancy know how you can help.*

**We are thankful for those helping with worship today**

**Worship Assistant**

**Reader**

Robin Freeman

**Ushers**

Lloyd Tribbitt,  
Robin Tribbitt,  
Teddy Ipoock

**Scan below to see this week's grace notes!**



**Did you know?**  
**We have a YouTube Page. Scan the Qr code below to re-watch a missed worship service**



### **The Prayers**

P: Wonderful Counselor... God of grace,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**  
P: Mighty God... God of peace,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**  
P: Everlasting Father.... God of love,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**  
P: Gracious God, bathe us always in the light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

### **Offering**

*Tonight's offering will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response for tornado relief in Kentucky and surrounding states.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

A: *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, we acclaim you!*  
C: **You have given us everything: our family, our friends, our communities; our food, our clothing, our homes; our bodies, our minds, our souls, our very being. We thank you and give you back only a portion of what you have given us. Accept our gifts and use them as you will. Amen.**

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (270), verse 1**

P: In the beginning was the Word... (*John 1:1-5*)  
C: **Come Lord Jesus. You are our source and our life.**  
P: There was a man sent from God... (*John 1:6-9*)  
C: **Come Lord Jesus. You are our light and our life.**  
P: He was in the world, and the world came into being... (*John 1:10-14*)

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (270), verse 3**

P: For in the night in which he was betrayed...  
God's love is everywhere, in every place... makes us bold to pray,  
**Lord's Prayer**

### **Dismissal**

P: May the body and blood of our Savior...  
C: Amen.

### **Prayer**

A: We thank you, wondrous God...In Jesus' name we pray.  
C: **Thanks and praise be to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-7***

*(candles are lit during the reading)*

**Silent Night (281), verses 1, 2**  
P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.  
C: **Amen.**  
**Silent Night (281), verse 3**  
A: *Go in peace and joy. Serve your newborn king!*  
C: **Thanks be to God.**  
*(All extinguish their candles.)*