# PLYMOUTH APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### CHRISTMAS EVE **DECEMBER 24, 2016**

#### Prelude, Prayer and Meditation

Announcements

The Christ Candle Lighting Saari Family

Opening Hymn: "All Praise to Thee" 39

The Invocation

#### Responsive Reading

Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen His Glory.

RESPONSE: OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.

**Pastor:** The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

RESPONSE: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT.

**Pastor:** Those who lived in darkness – on them Light has shined.

RESPONSE: WE HAVE SEEN CHRIST'S GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF A FATHER'S ONLY SON, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

Pastor: For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us. RESPONSE: IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE.

Pastor: In Christ salvation has appeared to all people.

RESPONSE: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! ALLELUIA! OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM!

Pr. Joel Baker Scripture Reading: **ISAIAH 52:7-10** JOHN 1:1-14

Hymn: "Come, Sinner, To The Manager" 44

Scripture Reading #1 – Luke 2:1-5 Lee Langer Hymn: "O Holy Night" Scripture Reading #2 – Luke 2:6-7 Daniel Bloomquist Hymn: "O Come, Little Children" 37 Scripture Reading #3 – Luke 2:8-12 Sharon Wahala Hymn: "Good News from Heaven" 21

Scripture Reading #4 – Luke 2:13-15 Larry Wahala

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 18

Scripture Reading #5 – Luke 2:16-20 Larry Walters The Christmas Prayer

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Offertory Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 19

Sermon Text: **TITUS 2:11-15** 

Sermon Theme: "The Grace of God has Appeared"

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Hymn: "Joy to the World" 10

#### **Lighting of the Candles**

Hymnals are placed in the pew racks since they are no longer needed. In passing the light, the lighted candle is ALWAYS held UPRIGHT and the unlighted candle is tilted to receive the flame. Please be careful that wax does not drip on the pews or the carpet. remember that NO ONE UNDER 15 is to hold a candle due to Plymouth fire codes. After extinguishing the candle continue to hold it upright to prevent dripping.

Closing Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (All Verses Provided)

V1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round von virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

V2 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!

V3 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.

## ALL CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED AND HELD UPRIGHT UNTIL COOL

### **Extinguish Candles**

Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

Go forth and enjoy a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year with family and friends while remembering the True Gift, Jesus Christ!

The Congregation stands



# **POINTSETTIAS**

## In Loving Memory of:

Of Our Parents and Son Luuk – Larry & Sharon Wahala Harold Myrmel, Tom Hatcher, Jim Atkins – Kevin & Mary Kay Myrmel Jack Tibbs – Joyce Tibbs

Aale & Jennie Pesola – Bill & Phyllis Krumholz

Frank Spika – Bill & Phyllis Krumholz

Rev. Herbert Amala – Betty Amala

Wanda Lee - Stuart Lee

Richard O'Brien - Joan O'Brien

Our Parents & brothers, Rodney & Chester, sister, Joyce & Earl – Reuben & Anita Aho

> Dee Walters Salguero – The Walters Family Lorraine Mattson – Lloyd & Marlene Walters & Family

Joseph & David Krutzig – Audrey Krutzig

Jim Besonen – Lorraine Besonen

Melissa Roeser, Ed & Ellen Takkunen & Louis Dahlmeier, – from Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier

# In Honor of:

Children & Grandchildren – Kevin & Mary Kay Myrmel Grandchildren: Samuel, Stephen, Meg & new one arriving in June - Joel & Susan Baker

Our Children: Nathan(Mary), Amanda, Jennie(Ryan) – Neil & Deb Sunnarborg

Our Children & Grandchildren - Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier Our Children & Grandchildren – Janis & Al Saari Julie Bartell – Donna Nordstrom





# Have a Joyous Christmas 2016 And Blessed New Year 2017

Filled With the Happiness and the Peace of Christ To All Our P.A.L.C. Members and Friends From the Following Persons:

Bill & Phyllis Krumholz Noel and Kris Walters and Family Joyce Tibbs & Stewart Lee Al & Janis Saari Roy Saari Rodger & Aila Foltz Don & Pam Bielinski Dennis & Judy McDonald Merry Christmas. Your Friends, Neil & Deb Sunnarborg

Have a wonderful celebration of Jesus' life in connection with yours.

Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.

Pastor Joel and Susan

# Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup> How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up *their* voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared His holy arm In the sight of all the nations, That all the ends of the earth may see

# John 1:1-14

The salvation of our God.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup> The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup> There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

<sup>9</sup> There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and

those who were His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# Luke 2:1-20

- <sup>1</sup> Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup> in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.
- <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup> So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

# Titus 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup> instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

<sup>15</sup> These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.