

Christmas at the
MOVIES



8:30-December 13, 2015

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Ding Dong Merrily on High”

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7 [NIV 84]

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31, v. 1]

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25 [NIV 84]

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Little Drummer Boy”

SERMON “CHRISTMAS VACATION”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, comfort and healing** to Geneva Cotter – hospitalized in ICU at Harris FW.

For families who's loved ones went to be with the Lord, such as -

Michael Amato (uncle of Jennifer McDaniel) - died Sunday, Dec. 6.

Claude Gates (father of Tom Gates) - died Tuesday, Dec. 8.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Red Apple Staff and Shut-ins.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Prepare the Royal Highway” [LW 27]

“The Advent of Our God” [LW 12]

“Savior of the Nations, Come” [LW 13, v. 1-2, 4 & 6]

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come” [LW 13, v. 7-8]

CONNECT

- **Men’s Night | Tuesday, December 15 | 6:30-8:00p | Register Online**
- **Children’s Christmas Program | Wednesday, December 16 | 7:00p**
- **College Student Luncheon | Sunday, December 20 after worship | Register Online**
- **Sundanese Gift Card Drive | Drop off Gift Cards @ Guest Connections**

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

Paul Manz

SERMON: *Rev. James R. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*