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Christmas Day 2025

** Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.*

Prelude - Leo Cnossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

L: Throughout this season we have lived, waited, and remembered the hope, peace, joy, and love of God found in Christ. Today we gather together and light candles in honour of the Christ Child. With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth. We light this candle for Christ.

ALL: On this day, we remember God has come in the Christ Child.

Opening Prayer

L: Faithful Jesus, we wait for you to come again.

P: We know that you will because you already have.

L: You have come to show us how to be truly human.

P: You have come to bring living water.

L: You have come to reign over the whole universe.

P: You have come to gather your people as a shepherd gathers his flock.

L: You have come to save us from sin and death.

P: Prepare us for your coming so that we may rejoice with all the saints on that day.

L: We pray in the name of the one who came and who is to come, Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

#244 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

First Reading: Jesus is the Supreme One

#240 - Of the Father's Love Begotten

Second Reading: Jesus is the New Adam

Prayer of Confession:

L: Almighty God, You who shaped out of nothing all that is,

P: Forgive us for returning empty-handed.

L: You who called forth light,

P: Forgive our preference for the dark.

L: You who sent Jesus, the firstborn of all creation,

P: Forgive us when we ignore him.

Re-make us in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ,

L: so that the light of Christ may shine in and through us. In the name of your Son, Amen.

Assurance of Salvation:

L: Through the work of Jesus, God has reconciled us to himself, and we rejoice with the angels proclaiming: Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth. God and sinners reconciled. Jesus was born so that we no longer die, and so that we may be born again.

P: Amen! Thanks be to God!

#277 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Third Reading: Jesus is the Davidic King

#281 - "What Child Is This?"

Fourth Reading: Jesus is the Servant Ruler

* #270 - "Joy to the World!"

Fifth Reading: Jesus is the Good Shepherd

#259 - "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Sixth Reading: Jesus is the Saviour

Video: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

* #249 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* **Benediction Prayer**

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