

# Bible Studies This Week and Beyond

## Next Sunday's Preaching & Teaching - "Thriving in a Fast-Food Culture"

Next week's lesson we will study several passages: Proverbs 23:20-21; Daniel 1:8, 11-16; and Romans 13:12-14. How do we make sure we are aligned properly with Jesus Christ in our misaligned and upside down world?

## Walk Through the Bible Study – January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Our next class will not be until January 10<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 until 8:30 pm, Pastor Jim will continue teaching on the Book of Genesis - Part 2. You will learn about four very special people: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and how they were used by God even though they were very human. Bottom line: God can and does use us even though we too come with many faults and issues. Since no one is perfect, God can only use imperfect people – just like us.

## Teaching Events in the New Year

### "Indescribable" – January 15<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim will show the DVD "Indescribable." The Psalmist says, "The Heavens declare the Glory of God." Hear Rev. Louis Giglio describe our God of unfathomable size and power. This God, who knows the names of every star also knows your name and mine and has orchestrated the most stunning rescue imaginable in His Son, Jesus Christ. Come and be amazed.

### "How Great is Our God?" – February 19<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jim will show the second DVD "How Great IS Our God?" The Bible tells us that our life is really a miracle of creation and the Creator knows us personally by name. This God is big enough to breath out the stars, and yet intricate enough to fashion together the trillions of cells that make up who you are. Hear Rev. Louis Giglio talk about our God who is intimately acquainted with you and promises to carry you through life.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**December 25, 2011 – Christmas Day**  
**Sunday Bookend Worship with Communion**

**I bring you  
good news  
of a great  
joy which  
will come  
to all the  
people;  
a Savior  
is born  
this day,  
who is  
Christ the  
Lord.**

**Luke 2.10**



## O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 sts. 1, ref. 2-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!

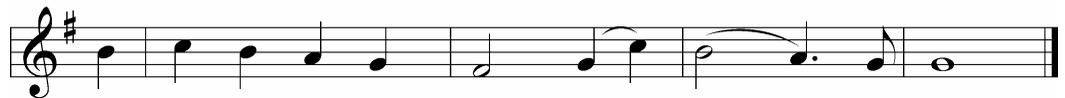


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

### Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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## The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## A Time of Sharing

What in the message from today touched you in a special way?  
Which one of the Lesson's Truths made an impact in your life?

1. What is your Christmas Joy quotient this year? How truly joyful are you?
2. What does your Christmas Joy move you to do?
3. How do you ponder and "treasure up" the Joys and Mysteries of Christmas?

## A Time of Prayer and Share

### Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its king;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy,

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo.  
Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

## Christmas Medley

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its' worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angels voices.  
O night divine! Oh night when Christ was born.

Silent night, holy night all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angels voices.  
O night divine! Oh night when Christ was born.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, o come ye to bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

O come let us adore Him, o come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the (Lord)

Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angels voices.  
O night divine! Oh night when Christ was born,  
O night divine! O night, o night divine!

## Away in a Manger

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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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## Introit

*Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
C and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
P and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
C Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
P The LORD has made known his salvation;  
C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
 C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
 P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
 C and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
 P and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
 C Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Gloria Patri**

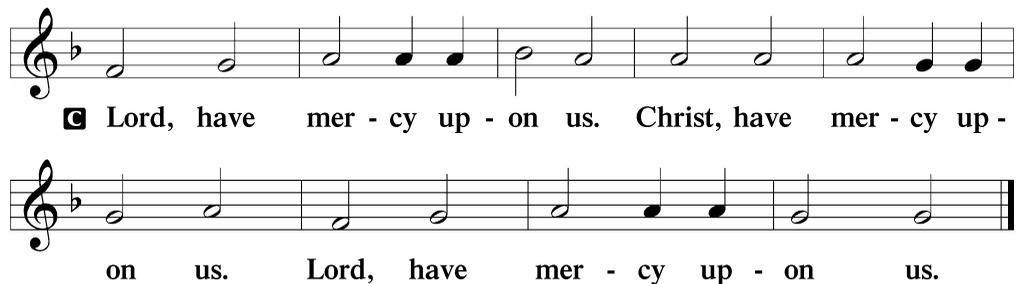


☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Antiphon**

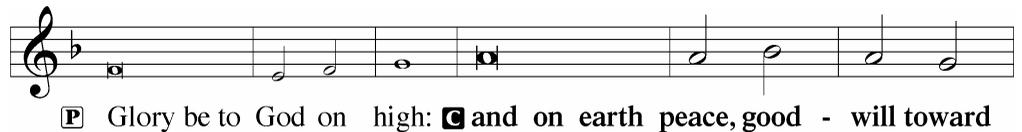
P and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
 C Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Kyrie**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward

P Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

**Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you  
 and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
 C **Amen.**

**Praise and Worship Continues**

Pastor Jim will greet all worshipers and invite people forward for our contemporary portion of our worship. Please join in the singing as you move forward.

**Angels We Have Heard On High**

Angels we have heard on high,  
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
 And the mountains in reply,  
 Echoing their joyous strains.

Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo.  
 Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
 Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be  
 Which inspire your heavenly song?

Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo.  
 Glo - - - ria! In excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

Come to Bethlehem and see

P: Bless, O Lord, the musicians, singers, and messengers

**C: who help us rejoice in Your Son's birth.**

P: Bless the reception of this Good News

**C: in the hearts of those who hear it.**

P: Bless, O Lord, the spread

**C: of the Christmas message throughout the world.**

P: May these glad tidings bring hope to the discouraged

**C: and peace to the troubled.**

P: May the lonely see in the Christmas message again

**C: the assurance of Your presence.**

*(Here special intercessions will be offered as needed.)*

P: May the peace of Christmas fill our nation

**C: and the nations of the world.**

P: This we ask in the name

**C: of our Savior, Christ, the Lord. Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Confession of Sin and Proclamation of Forgiveness

P Do you believe that your sin has offended God and deserves nothing by His punishment now and forever?

C **Yes, I am a sinner and deserve God's punishment.**

P Are you truly sorry for your sin and sincerely repent of them?

C **Yes, I do heartily repent of my sin.**

P Do you believe that Jesus has paid the debt of your sin on His cross and that by trusting in Jesus, you have full and free forgiveness?

C **Yes, Jesus is my personal Savior from sin and Lord of my life.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Praise be to Jesus. Amen

### The Distribution of the Lord's Supper *[Following the Conclusion of the Lord's Supper]*

### Thanksgiving

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

C and His mercy endures forever.

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Preaching and Teaching: "Respond to God's Gift"**

Sermon notes and outlines are provided on additional sheet. Please ready them for the preaching and teaching.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Collection of Prayers**

*During the offering, Pastor Jim will go amongst the congregation to collect any personal and individual prayers. Please have this written out for Pastor Jim.*

**Offering and Record of Fellowship**

*During the offering, please fill out our Record of Fellowship Form. This is a good place to share with your Church Office any changes of address or telephone numbers. Thank you!*

**Agnus Dei**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Praise, honor, and glory to You,

C: **O Lord our God.**

P: With angels and archangels we magnify Your name saying:

C: **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."**

P: We adore Your divine goodness

C: **and praise You for sending deliverance to Zion.**

P: The fact that You include us in the fulfillment of Your promises,

C: **is simply amazing and incomprehensible.**

P: Even though we have no merit or worthiness within us,

C: **You have once again this Christmas assured us of Your love.**

P: Instead of justly punishing us,

C: **You have sent us salvation in the birth of Your Son.**

P: In spite of our many transgressions

C: **You have made salvation possible in this gift of mercy.**

P: Grand that we would rejoice more in heavenly gifts

C: **than our earthly gifts.**

P: Accept our thanks for the eternal gift

C: **conceived out of Your love for the world.**

P: Accept our thanks, O Lord,

C: **for bringing the knowledge of this divine truth to us.**

registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was 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 those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

### Seasonal Litany

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;  
**C** **Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**  
**P** See, your King comes to you,  
**C** **Righteous and having Salvation.**  
**P** Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord.  
**C** **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

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*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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Joy to the World

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- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
- 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Announcement & Greeting

The Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

The Reading of Scripture

R Our Reading of Scripture comes from Luke 1:1-20

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

<sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be