

## As We Gather

We've made it! We're ready to celebrate Christmas! Yet the coming of the promised Messiah, means so much more than presents placed under a tree.



It's about a Baby born in a stable.

He comes to rule His people. He comes to sacrifice Himself for us to take away the guilt of our sin. He comes to fulfill all of God's promises to save us. He comes because of and for you.

He comes because of your sin. He comes for you, to take the guilt of all of those sins upon Himself.

How do we respond? He needs no gifts from us. Instead He gives us the gift of Himself. And having received that gift through faith, we are made ready to follow Him in loving service. ✝



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Missionaries: each member in daily life

## Pilgrim Lutheran Church “Christmas Presence” Service December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009



***The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light... The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.***

***Isaiah 9:2a and John 1:5***