

## GET READY FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

2nd Sunday Christmas

January 3, 2021

During the period of online worship, our worship style is simplified, with no musical liturgy, but with hymns and/or songs. The texts of hymns and songs will be printed in this online bulletin where they appear in the order of worship. You are encouraged to sing along at home with the accompaniment from the musician at church.

This is a time to bust forth fully in song without worrying about being heard by the congregation, which should encourage some of the more shy singers among you, and to give full prayerful voice to fear or sorrow, supplications for mercy, and of course, to trust, hope and praise.

### HOW WE SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION

Members are encouraged to have gathered both bread and wine or grape juice in the space where family members will gather for worship, so that everyone may participate in the full liturgy of the Eucharist. Even if you are alone in your home, please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and wine. We are together in the Body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

The radio frequency that you can hear the worship service is 94.3FM.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Sunday

January 3, 2021

Liturgist

N/A

Accompanist

Praise Band

Gathering

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song:** *Once in Royal David's City*

**ELW 269**

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,

set at God's right hand on high;  
there his children gather round,  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Call to Worship:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**ELW 283**

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!

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Confession of Sin

**P:** In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us put down our defenses and be honest with God.

*(what defense can you set down in this silence?)*

Lord of all,

**C: we search for the wrong things.**

**Our desires make an illusion of our lives.**

**We dislike the depressed for their mood.**

**We judge the weak in their inadequacies.**

**We value traits of strength and self-rightness  
above purity in relationship.**

**We are even proud of our humbleness.**

**Save us, Lord, from the sins we know in our heart.**

**Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

*(pause for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Our Lord does desire for us to be blessed with pure hearts to know God. For our sake, God provides the blood of the Lamb so that we might be able to stand before the throne of God and worship in God's own temple. The Son of God, Jesus Christ is that Lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Our sins are washed away. We are made pure in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we may live together in hope as children of God. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Song of Forgiveness**

O Savior, child of Mary,  
who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, king of glory,  
who dost our weakness know:  
bring us at length, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heaven  
and into endless day.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **READING: Jeremiah 3: 7-14**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147: 12-20**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth defac  
O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

<sup>12</sup>Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup>who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup>God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly.

**O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup>God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.

<sup>20</sup>The Lord has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

**O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**READING: Ephesians 1: 3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

<sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse: *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

**GOSPEL: John 1: 1-18**

The Holy Gospel according John the 1st chapter. **Glory, to you, O Lord**

[<sup>1</sup>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 without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one

has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Grace Heimerdinger-Baake**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Heidi Williams**

**Hymn of the Day:** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**ELW 295**

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;

let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore! Amen.

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the  
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the church**

### Liturgy of the Meal

*During this season of online worship, we ask you to bring your gifts and offerings to your gathering table at home in the same way as in worship in the church, before sending them on to the church.*

## **Offering**

## **Offering Song:**

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharist Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Communion**

*If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

**Benediction:**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

Sending

**Sending Hymn:** *Joy to the World*

**ELW 267**  
**verses 1, 2, 4**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her 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, wonders of his love.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

### Monday, January 4

Psalm 110

Proverbs 3: 1-12

James 4: 11-17

### Tuesday, January 5

Psalm 110

Proverbs 22: 1-9

Luke 6: 27-31

### Wednesday, January 6

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

### Thursday, January 7

Psalm 110

Exodus 1: 22 – 2: 10

Hebrews 11: 23-26

### Friday, January 8

Psalm 110

Exodus 2: 11-25

Hebrews 11: 27-28

### Saturday, January 9

Psalm 110

Exodus 3: 7-15

John 8: 39-59

### Sunday, January 10

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We encourage our members to take appropriate steps to protect their health and prevent the spread of any illness:

- Cover your nose and mouth with tissues when you cough or sneeze and then place, don't throw, the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective.

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