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Blue Christmas



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Thank you for joining our service today.

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.
You may stand during worship with asterisk (*) in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome

Litany of Lament

L: We lament, O Lord, for the loss in our lives.

C: Christ is born for you and me.

L: We lament, O Lord, for the pain and suffering of our neighbors.

C: Christ is born for you and me.

L: We lament, O Lord, for the brokenness, sin, and injustice in the world.

C: Christ is born for you and me.

L: Hear our cries, O Lord, and restore your creation.

C: Christ is born for you and me.

***Gathering Hymn “Love Has Come” ELW #292**

***Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray. **O God of steadfast love, you are near to those who call, to all who cry out to you for help. Hear our cries and save us, grant to us your grace and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Source: All Creation Sing Service of Word and Prayer.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children’s Message

*Gospel Reading: **Matthew 2:13-18**

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

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

Choir Anthem "Gentle Joseph Heard a Warming"

Message

Hymn of the Day "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

ELW #284

Nicene Creed *You will find the Nicene Creed on* **page 104.**

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Leader will lead the prayer.

Congregation may respond to each petition with the following words:

L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Curt, Sharon, Denny Bergmann, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Jim DeMontigny, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Dan, Bryan, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel and those who are grieving the loss.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Christmas Blessing

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn “Once in Royal David’s City” ELW #269**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Attendance December 12th

In-person—31 Online – 20

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.