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Christmas Eve



With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting

WOV page 28

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

C: And also with you.

* Christmas Gospel: *John 1:1-14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

[9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

[12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. *[ESV]*

*** Hymn** ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** **ELW # 283, verses 1-3**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Lighting of Advent Wreath

All five candles are lit.

*** Wreath Hymn** ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** **ELW # 276**



First Reading: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
3 You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *96*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 96.

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

2 **Sing to the LORD, bless his name;**
tell of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

4 **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;**
he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

6 **Splendor and majesty are before him;**
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

8 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;**
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

10 **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!**
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 **let the field exult, and everything in it!**
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live
self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for
our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Sav-
ior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all law-
lessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who
are zealous for good works. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **ELW # 279**

* Gospel: *Luke 2:1-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the
world should be registered. 2 This was the registration before Quirinius
was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own
town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Naza-
reth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because
he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary,
his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time
came for her to give birth. 7 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 guest room.

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

[14] “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will among men”.

[15] 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.” [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Choir Anthem **Christmas Sanctus**

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***The First Noel*** **ELW # 300, verses 1-3, 5**

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 34*

L: Enlivened by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim and Ronald Schrader.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *WOV page 34*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering Hymn ***In the Bleak Midwinter*** **ELW # 294**

Offering Prayer *WOV page 34*

P: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
C: Amen.

Bell Choir Anthem ***Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming***

Responses *WOV page 36*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
C: Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy *WOV page 36*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *WOV page 37*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

Canticle *What Child Is This?* **ELW # 296**

Distribution

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.

Once all have received:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Candles are distributed to the people and lit.

* Hymn ***Silent Night, Holy Night*** **ELW # 281**

* Blessing *WOV page 41*

P: God, the Father 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 our Lord, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

* Dismissal *WOV page 41*

P: Go in peace. Christ the Savior is born.

C: Thanks be to God.

The candles are extinguished.

Postlude Karen Niemeier



Please be sure that any *offering contribution you would like credit for this year, is received prior* to the end of worship on

Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Contribution received after that time will be credited in 2026.Thank you for your cooperation.

Your generosity and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheila at (815)369-5101. Thank you.

Annual Reports Are Due

Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. If possible, please type up the report and email it to;

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in Word format.

Thank you.

Good Shepherd will be at the

Le-Win Food Pantry

Saturday, December 27th. 8:30am-11:30am

Men's Group

Saturday, December 27th, 4:30pm