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First Sunday of Christmas



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING

Prelude and Contemplation Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

*** Hymn** ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*** **ELW # 288**

*** Greeting** *WOV page 48*

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.

*** Dialogue** *WOV page 46*

P: In the beginning was the Word,
C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In him was life,
C: and the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

*** Kyrie** ***Lord, Have Mercy*** *WOV page 28*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Canticle *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God…
and peace to God's people on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 63:7-9*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
8 For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
9 In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *148*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 148.

1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 **Praise him, all his angels;**
praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 **Praise him, you highest heavens,**
and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
6 **And he established them forever and ever;**
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
8 **fire and hail, snow and mist,**
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
10 **Beasts and all livestock,**
creeping things and flying birds!
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 **Young men and maidens together,**
old men and children!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
14 **He has raised up a horn for his people,**
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD! [ESV]

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:10-18*

L: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
13 And again,
"I will put my trust in him."
And again,
"Behold, I and the children God has given me."
14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *WOV page 31*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-23*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Now when [the magi] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, 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."

[14] And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt [15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

[16] Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. [17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

[18] “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

[19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” [21] And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. [23] And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

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

* Apostles' Creed *WOV page 49*

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation.
C: We believe in him and are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

P: In trust and hope, we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

C: 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.

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.

PRAYER

Reconciliation *WOV page 49*

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new.

P: Let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Peace

WOV page 50

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways,
encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

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.

Choir Anthem

Noel Peace Canon

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 52*

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.

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.

Blessing *WOV page 41*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* **ELW # 290**

* Dismissal *WOV page 53*

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

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

TODAY.

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;

GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com *in Word format.*

Thank you.

Save the DATE

Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting will be held, Sunday,
January 25th
10:30am after Worship Service.

Attendance December14th
In-person 24, Online –not available