

*Now You Are Letting
Your Servant Depart
In Peace, According
To Your Word*

First Sunday After Christmas

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, December 27, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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Creative Worship

As We Gather

The Epistle for the First Sunday after Christmas brings a one-sentence summary of the Christmas message as Paul writes it to the Christians of Galatia. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son (Galatians 4:4) God knew the exact time for His beloved Son to come to earth, this sin-filled world. God had a plan for salvation that was carried out faithfully and completely by Jesus. In the days after Christmas, we have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Christmas message. We have received the greatest of all gifts. Through Jesus Christ, we are heirs of God and have an eternal inheritance!

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" LSB #387 vs 1-4

Stand

Preparation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,

C **A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia!**

P Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

C **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

P My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

C **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

Confession and Absolution

P People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have**

done. We have not lived our lives fully in the freedom won for us by our Lord. We have not always shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P The LORD has made known his salvation;

C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Kyrie LSB 152

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn Of Christmas "Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord" LSB #352

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10—62:3

(The mouth of the Lord announces the coming salvation that will be established in Jerusalem)

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

C **To us a child is born, to us a son is given;**

MEN: *and the government shall be upon His shoulder.*

WOMEN: *And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

C **Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**

Epistle Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Second Article *Redemption*

ALL: And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Sit

Hymn of the Day "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" *LSB# 374 vs 1-3*

Message "Good Things Come To Those That Wait"

Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God" *LSB #389 vs 1-5*

Prayer of the Church

Benediction *LSB 166*

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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" *LSB #924 vs 1-3*

Acknowledgments

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Poinsettias: Thank you for sharing your poinsettias this Christmas. You can take them home after the service today.

Church Newsletter will be printed this week. Please have all items turned in by Tuesday.

Confirmation Classes will not be held December 30.

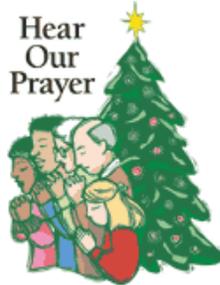
Installation of Officers & Board Members will take place during the January 3rd worship service.

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway by the coat rack.

Church Offering Envelopes for 2021 have been placed in your church mailbox. If you did not receive one, please contact us at the church office.

Sunday Services for the month of January will be held at 9:00 a.m.

Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird



Care List: Karen Brolsma, Dennis Cook, Nic Potthoff, Connie Markquart, Paul Anderson, Norma Brolsma, Joanne Sathoff, Sue Nelson, Korrie Crouch, Kurt Jans, Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, Laverna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Ann Jacobsen, Kia Ringnell, Jaycob Ross, Linda Thate, Amy Ballard, Tony Connors, Kasey Ziemer, Corbyn Sinn, Mary Kay Schultz, CeAnn Klug, Rebecca Knaak, Malaki Runkle, Adeline Gabrielson, Riley Cole, Jocelyn Lange, Todd Smith, Ronnie Beckius, Keith Petersen, Emily Anderson, James Keithahn, Matt Larson

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Karl & Deb Olson, Glen & Betty Nordhausen, Justin & Jill Williamson, John & Doreen Burmeister, Shane & Lori Hargrove