

Dec 26, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*



Ps. 98:1-6 ^{ESV}

Prelude

Selection by PM

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise**

What Child Is This?

No. 213

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.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-21
ESV (Pew pg. 857/LP pg.1069)

Prayer of Confession

Our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation, and death.

Our Father, with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, asking that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that your Holy Spirit, mortifying sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 98:7-9^{ESV}

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

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WSC 79-80

Q. 79. Which is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Q. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

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***Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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 mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

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;
when like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

1. A Condescending God

2. A Revealing God

3. A Sustaining God

4. An Atoning God

Questions:

1. What does it mean that God condescends to our level? Why does he do this?

2. How do Genesis 1 and 2 show us what we were created for? Why is this important? And how do we help to recapture this ‘reason for being’ in our world today?

3. If you have a good study Bible look up the “the bread of the Presence” in Exodus 25:23-30. What did the bread signify to Israel? How does this bring us comfort today?

4. You’ve heard it said that ‘beauty is in the eye of the beholder’. Does Psalm 27, however, lead us in a less individualized understanding of ‘beauty’? And if so, how is God our ultimate standard of ‘that which is beautiful’? How can we teach this to our daughters?

***Hymn of Response**

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 214

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

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*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Paige Mecyssine
Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/26	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School Worship Service
THUR 12/30	11:00 AM	Viking Luncheon (all welcome)
SUN 1/2	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	NO Sunday School Worship Service – LORD’s Supper Communicants Class @ Gretzinger’s (lunch provided)
SUN 1/9	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Communicants Class @ Gretzinger’s (lunch provided)

Serving the Lord

	12/26	1/2	1/9	1/16
AM Nursery	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger	Lorrie Martin	Lucy Hrivnak
Greeters	Arlene Lanenga	Lucy Hrivnak	Dar Stam	Martha Gasche
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Jim Martin
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak	Yon Lindborg	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin
Communion Prep	N/A	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A

Announcements

- **No Sunday School:** Dec 26 & Jan 2 there will be no Sunday school. Plan to come to service at 10:30 like normal.
- **Communicants Class:** Sundays in January (Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) following the service @ Gretzinger’s house communicant class will be held. All youth interested in joining the church should attend. Lunch Provided.
- **Jan 5 Family Night:** Please sign up at the welcome desk if you plan to come.