

December 31, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

**Prelude**

*O Holy Night*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

*In The Bleak Midwinter*

**\*Call to Worship**

Luke 2:13-14

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Psalm 100*

No. 1

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**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Deuteronomy 5:28-33

(Pew pg. 151/LP pg. 189)

## **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the divine purpose for the incarnation of Christ: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am, who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like us. In Jesus Christ's redeeming name, we ask your forgiveness and pardon. Amen

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

1 John 2:1b-2a

"But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our only but also for the sins of the whole world."

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*What Child Is This*

No. 213

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## **Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21:22-22:5 (Pew pg. 1041/LP pg. 1290)

## Heidelberg Catechism #33-34

**33. Q. Why is He called God's only begotten Son, since we also are children of God?**

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.

**34. Q. Why do you call Him our Lord?**

A. Because He has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.

### Prayer of Intercession

**Offering**

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

**\*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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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

No. 216

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**Sermon**

Isaiah 8:11-9:7

(Pew pg. 572/LP pg. 719)

Notes

**\*Hymn of Response**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*      No. 198  
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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**      *Unto Us a Child Is Given*

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

**Musician**      Emily Thevenin

**Intercessory Prayer**      Chris Erickson

## Calendar

<b>SUN 12/31</b>		<b>No Sunday School</b>
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	5 PM	<b>Hymn Sing</b>
<b>SUN 1/7</b>	9:20	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service – LORD's Supper</b> Shepherding Groups <b>* North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong)</b> After Church at Gretzinger Home. Come hungry.
<b>WED 1/10</b>	6 PM	<b>Family Night</b>
<b>SUN 1/14</b>	9:20	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> Shepherding Groups <b>*South/West (Martin/Curtis)</b> Talk to Jim for details. <b>*East (Lindborg/Erickson)</b> After Church at Alderson Home. RSVP to email if wanting to partake in food.

## Serving the Lord

	12/31	1/7
AM Nursery	Grace Martin & Cassy Erickson	Robbin Kern & Angela Collins
Greeters	Martha Lietchy	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

### Announcements

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School will not meet this week 12/31; and will reconvene the following week, January 7, 2024

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new study in the new year on Covenant Theology entitled "Understanding God's Unfolding Promises to His People". This is a basic guide to God's historical covenants. We will be using the book, "Covenants Made Simple" by Jonty Rhodes. Books are currently backordered, but hopefully will be available to you by January 7. This twelve week class will run through the end of March 2024. After that we will be embarking on another 12 week study on "The Temple of God", tracing this most wonderful building of God's Kingdom from Genesis to Revelation. So mark your calendars today! It's going to be a great time learning together.

- **Youth Jan event:** If you are interested in the youth toboggan trip please sign up at the welcome desk so we know which date is best for everyone.
- **Poinsettias on Welcome Desk:** Please take home!
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Tonight @ 5PM. Please Join us!
- **Women's Bible Study:** New Books on welcome desk, \$10 each.
- **Jan Family Night:** Family night moved from 1/3 to 1/10 due to Gretzinger travels.