

December 4, 2022

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



Prelude

Selection by Musician

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 91:1-2

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 96

Tune: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! No 296

1 O sing a new song to the Lord;
All earth sing to the Lord.

2 Sing to the Lord, and bless His name;
“He saves!” each day proclaim.

3 His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let peoples know.

4 The Lord is great. How great
His praise!

Above all gods He’s feared.

5 For heathen gods are idols vain;
The Lord the heavens made.

6 Before Him honor, majesty,
And strength and splendor be!

7 O families of earth, ascribe
All glory to the Lord!

All strength ascribe unto the Lord;

8 The glory of His name

Give to the Lord. To His courts come
And bring an offering.

9 In beautiful and holy robes
Bring worship to the Lord.
All earth, before Him stand in awe;
10 Proclaim, "The Lord is King!"
Controlled by Him, the world
Stands firm;
His judgment justice bless.

11 Let heav'ns be glad and earth rejoice.
In vast expanse untold
Let seas speak out with endless roar.
12 Let fields and all they hold
Their glory give; let trees and
woods
With rustling boughs give praise.

13 Let all prepare to greet the Lord,
Because he coming is.
He surely comes to judge the earth.
And righteousness is His.
He'll nations judge with faithfulness,
The world with justice bless.

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:12

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God and Father, we cherish the blessed memory of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that in His Supper you will so work in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, that with true confidence we might give ourselves up more and more unto Him. Strengthen us to no longer live in our sins, knowing that He lives in us, and we in Him. May we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. May we not doubt that You will forever be our gracious Father, who does not impute the guilt of our sins to us, and who provides us with all that we need for body and soul, as your dear children and heirs. Grant us Your grace, that we may take up our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our sins, and in all tribulation look unto Christ who is

faithful to nourish and cleanse us with His body and blood, who is true God and true man.
In his holy name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 91:14-16

¹⁴ “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 207

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Scripture Reading

Acts 27:1-12 (Pew pg. 936/LP pg. 1168)

The Nicene Creed

(pg 846 in Trinity Hymnal)

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Selection by Musician

*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 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

No. 211

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings, rejoic-ed much in mind,
and left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

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Sermon

Psalm 96

(Pew pg. 499/LP pg. 626)

1. Christ's New Song
2. Far As the Curse is Found
3. Let Heaven and Nature Sing

Questions:

1. How are worship and evangelism similar? How does one play off the other?
2. Who is the intended audience for this psalm? How does this point us towards Christ's coming?
3. Where do we see Christ's Second Coming in this text? What does that mean for us today?
4. Name as many of God's attributes as you can. How did you do? How can you improve? How does reflecting upon God's attributes help you through the day?

The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

***Hymn of Response** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

No. 224

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel's chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

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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

Selection by Musician

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

Piano & Organ

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Hrivnak

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/4	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Worship Service – LORD’s Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luncheon & Messiah</p>
	Following Worship Service	
MON 12/5	6:00 PM	Ladies Christmas Choral Practice
WED 12/7	6:00 PM	Family Night
SUN 12/11	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Worship Service</p>
TUES 12/13	1:00 PM	Senior Bible Study (I Pet 2:4-25)
THUR 12/15	9:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Ladies Morning Study **Reading not required Please join us!</p>
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
FRI 12/17	10:00 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Cookie Exchange **Please come join us, the more the merrier!</p>

Serving the Lord

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
AM Nursery	Yon Lindborg	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger
Greeters	Arlene Lanenga	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Lash Fam
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up	at	welcome	desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Bruce Hrivnak	Andrew Gretzinger	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	Chris Erickson	N/A	N/A	N/A

Announcements

- **Lord's Supper:** Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.

- **Luncheon Michigan City Messiah:** Today after the worship service we will have some food before going to Michigan City for the Handel's Messiah performance.

- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Memorial Poinsettia Signups will last until 12/11. If interested sign up at the welcome desk. Money can be labeled and put in the offering plate.

- **Annual Good Shepherd Cookie Exchange:** Cookie Exchange at 10am on 12/17. Come for the fellowship, there will be soup and salad served, and please don't feel obligated to bring cookies. There will be more than enough to go around. Thanks!

- **Women's Choir practice:** Monday evening (12/5) is choir practice. Please enter through the side door and join us in the sanctuary at 6 PM. Sheet music will be given. If you have any questions please ask Cassy.

- **Family Night:** Family night coming up, join us for food, fellowship, and prayer!

