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DECEMBER 28/29, 2024
1 ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

SAT Deb Oas Koepsell

SUN Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Bill Travis

11 AM Sylvia Goldman

ORGAN/PIANO:

5 PM KT Thompson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 & 11 AM Shari Albrecht

PRELUDE:

8 AM: "Joseph's Lullaby" by Millard & Bannister

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God,

you are above all things, yet so very near to me. Because you already know me better than I know myself, I confess that I have not honored our relationship – I have sinned against you today. There are things that cause me shame and embarrassment – things I have thought, things I have said, things I have done – in your presence and in the presence of others. And there are things I have already forgotten. Help me remember that Jesus is faithful when I am not, and restore me in your Spirit to continue in our life together.

God knows what we do, yet sees who we are through the eyes of Jesus, who has joined God's life with ours and in whom † we are made new. Mercifully broken and wholly mended, we are set upright to live again.

Amen.



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSONS: Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SERMON TEXT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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; he descended to the dead. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Emmanuel, God is with us . . .

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

(8 AM): "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Liz Story

Deb Oas Koepsell, organ

(9 & 11 AM): "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Wagner

Karla Jones and Emily Johnson, handbells

OFFERTORY: Love Has Brought Us Here Together. vs 1 ACS 1040

Love has brought us here together; love of fam'ly, love of friends;
love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that never ends.
From our birth, throughout our lifetime, love's insistence calls our name.
Floods of waters cannot drown it or put out its dancing flame.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 & 11 AM):

“O Come, Little Children” arr. Wagner

Karla Jones and Emily Johnson, handbells



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

SENDING

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the Sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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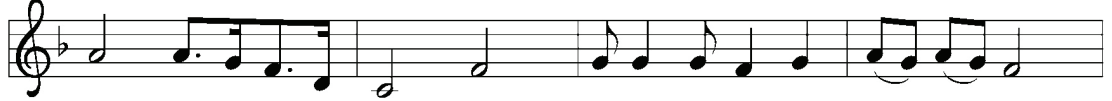
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BENEDICTION

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Go Tell it on the Mountain 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

8 AM: "For Unto Us a Child is Born" by G. F. Handel