

COMMUNION HYMNS

"What Feast of Love" #487
"Angels From the Realms" #275
"The First Noel" #300

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: 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.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Joy to the World" #267

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:



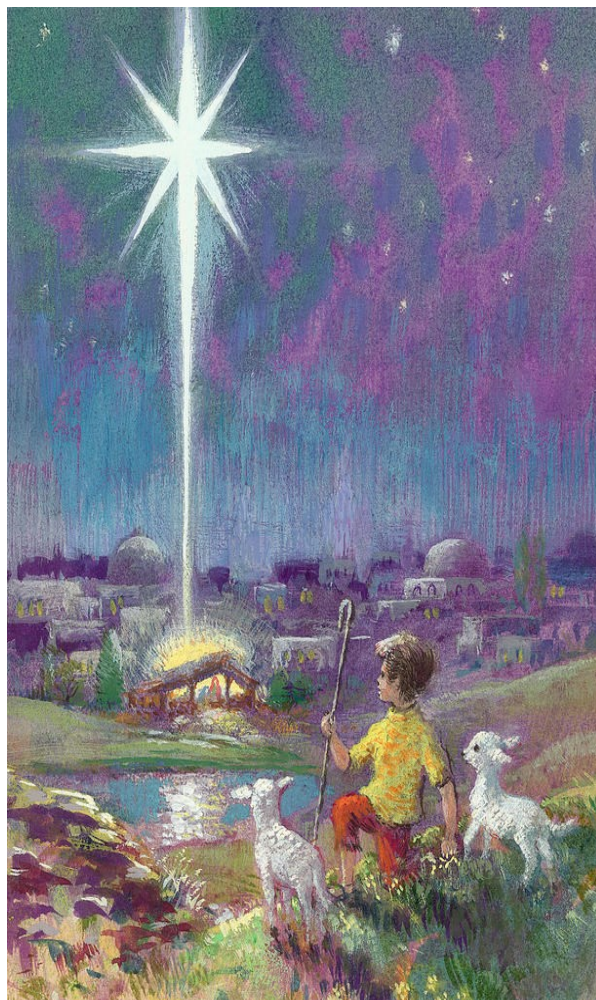
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Wiebe and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

CHRISTMAS HOME COMMUNION

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Christmas services (December 24th, 25th, 29th and January 5th) and would like to receive home communion from Pastor Tim during the Christmas Season (December 26th to January 6th) please phone the office to book a time. He is scheduling these visits in the morning, unless an alternate time works best for you.

*Happy Birthday
Jesus!*



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**Wednesday, December 25th, 2024
Welcome to our Christmas Day Service**





CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25TH, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God-with-us,

C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE - #155

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - #162

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

C: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour

and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:6-12

⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. ¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹ The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹² They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 97

L: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

C: Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

L: Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

C: Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

L: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

C: The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.

L: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

C: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

L: For you are the LORD, most high overall the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

C: You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

L: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

C: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

SECOND READING: TITUS 3:4-7

⁴ When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

L: A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in

bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Come All Ye Faithful" #283

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: 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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.