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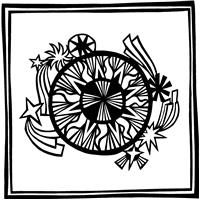
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**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**January 5, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Within the gospel reading’s profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God’s grace and truth.

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness ACS 1093**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God

and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God-with-us,

**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.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God’s chosen ones,

holy and beloved,

☩ forgiven in Christ,

and freed to respond in joy.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC This Little Light of Mine ELW 677**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

7 For thus says the Lord:  
 Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
  and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
  “Save, O Lord, your people the remnant of Israel.”  
 8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from

the farthest parts of the earth among them the blind and the lame those with child

and those in labor together;  
  a great company, they shall return here.  
 9 With weeping they shall come,  
  and with consolations I will lead them back;  
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
  in a straight path where they shall not stumble,  
 for I have become a father to Israel,  
  and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
 10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
  and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”  
 11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
  and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
  and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
  and they shall never languish again.  
 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
  and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
 I will turn their mourning into joy;  
  I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.  
 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
  and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20**

12 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
 praise your God, O Zion,  
13 **who has strengthened the bars of your gates**  
 **and has blessed your children within you.**  
14 God has established peace on your borders  
 and satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
15 **God sends out a command to the earth,**  
 **a word that runs very swiftly.**  
16 God gives snow like wool,  
 scattering frost like ashes.  
17 **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.**  
 **Who can stand against God’s cold?**

18 The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;  
 the wind blows, and the waters flow.  
19 **God declares the word to Jacob,**  
 **statutes and judgments to Israel.**  
20 The Lord has not done so to any other nation;  
 they do not know God’s judgments. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg.171**

**GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

[1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.  
  6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]  
  10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.  
  14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ”) 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Thy Strong Word ELW 511**

**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 power of 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…God of grace,

**receive our prayer**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in January*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***ELCA Disaster/Hurricane relief.***

**OFFERING SONG**  **Love Has Come ELW 292**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of heaven and earth,

A candle flame in the dark

Description automatically generatedfrom 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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 173**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

**BLESSING**

The God of love,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

lavish you with grace,

illumine your path,

and increase your joy,

today and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry ELW 876**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

**Altar care will be taking down the tree on Jan 12 after the service, help is needed.**

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SOS is experiencing record high numbers. The shelves are the lowest they've been in a long time.

The food list: Mac’n Cheese, Boxed Rice Meals, Canned Pasta Meals, Tuna, Canned Chicken. **Supplies of nearly everything are low but especially needed are canned chili, canned stew, canned soups, and pasta sauce.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, January 5 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Second Sunday of Christmas * John 1:[1-9] 10-18; God with us; the incarnation of the Word |
| Tuesday, January 7 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 8 | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, January 12 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Baptism of our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit |

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| January 5 | Dennis & Deb Janz | Nancy Tibbett | Andrea Hovick  Tammy Neumann | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader | January:  John & Jane Wagner  Laurel Peterson |
| January 12 | Gene & Linda Schrieber | Leslie Mader | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Robin Beeman | David Schneider |
| January 19 | Chris & Robin Beeman | Tammy Neumann | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| January 26 | Heidi Binder | Shelly Schneider | Bob & Laurel Peterson | Pam Mundt | Margo Barrier |

Names on the prayer list will now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.