

Second Sunday of Christmas January 2, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" 294

Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Gloria **Pg. 139-140 of the hymnal**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray: Let us pray: O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all distress, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus 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." ⁸See, 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. ⁹With 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 in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear 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 a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They 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. ¹³Then 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. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 147: 12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel according to John in the 1st chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

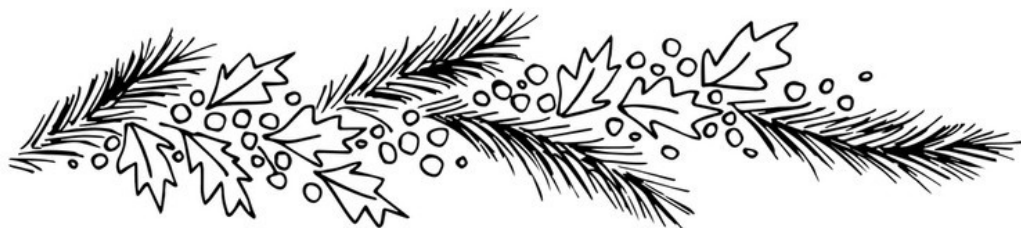
¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Anthem

Senior Choir



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People

L Filled with the joy of our Savior's birth, we lift our neighbors' needs with faithful hearts.

AM For all whose lives have been made new by the Holy Child, Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For all worldly powers, that the Babe of Bethlehem may turn their hearts toward
peace, Lord in your mercy, C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For the created universe, that no corner may be untouched by Christ's love, Lord in
your mercy, C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs you now lift in silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our
Lord. C **Amen.**



L The Peace of the Lord be with you all. C **And also with you.**

L Please share a sign of peace with one another.

The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**
- L Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

Pg. 144 of the hymnal

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
- L 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 in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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**

Communion

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

- P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. The Body of Christ, given for you.
- C Amen.**
- P The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **C Amen.**
- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn "He Came Down That We Might Have Love" 253

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jimmy Abbott
Laurie Abbott
John & Francine Ahrens
Kim & Will Ahrens
Chuck Andersen
Irene Barillaro
Elana Barkasy
Raymond Bazzolo
Karen Bell
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Armando Binelli
Eli Boda
Lisa Bodnar
Cheryl-Ann Bombardier

Holly Borden
Donna Bruno
Brusseau Family
Eddie Burns
Patsy Capuano
Joe Casagni
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrane
Nancy Colon
Diane Currier
Ora Curry
Sigrid Devita
Mahaila Dickinson
Walter Dickinson
Gerard Doll
Irene Douglas
Renate Duksis
Judy Elliott
Dorothy Elwood
Jan Eucalitto
Bruce & Liz Falls
Christy Ferro
Fred George
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Susan Grenier
John Grunder
Alan Grunder
Maggie Hanley
Alexis Heintz
Brad Herzberg
Lynn Horka
Mary Ingoldsby
Jenn Johnson & Family
Mike Jurkas
Ed Killingbeck

Lynn Killingbeck
Diana Levanti
Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Mervin Mank
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Shari Mendelsohn
Michael Meyers
Bob & Lynn Milano
Denise Murphy
Lynne & Bob Murphy
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Ron Nurnberg
Caroline O'Brien
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Regina Pagano
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Maria Payne
Colleen Peterson
Mike Plouffe
Mike & Diane Porto
Caroline Quintal
RuthAnn Rash
Marge Raspiller
Elfrieda Roller
Dave Roskopf
Chris Samele
Rosemary Schibi
Jay Shaw
Linda Shaw
Jon Sterling
Linda Hoffman Stearns
Dixie Travis
Reid Underwood
Mary Vargas
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Russ Wilmot
Jean Marie Witt
Pastor Larry & Nancy Wogman
Amy Worthington-Cady
Cookie
Debbie E.
Tom D.
Anne
Steve
Rosaline
Paul

Karen
Katherine
Helen
Jo
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Diane
Charlie
Michelle
Miguel
Jack & Barbara
Clarence and Priscilla
Diane H.
Shannon
Kathleen
Betty M.
Jack
Rhett

Family and Friends of Harriet Vergaro

Kurt Schaller Family and Friends of Raymond Schaller

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
Marilyn Duteau
Dee Gammon
Anna Woike

Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the
World and King of
Peace, watch over our
sons and daughters in
the service of their
Country. Protect them
from the physical and
moral dangers. Keep
them close to you and
help them live the
commandments. Lord,
Jesus give them courage
to serve their country
with honor and dignity.
Be with them when they
are in danger; strengthen
them when they face
hardship. Above all
Lord, grant that when
their service is finished
that they may return to
us, sound in mind, body
and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson
If you place a name on the
Prayer List, it is your
responsibility to let the
office know either by
Prayer of Concerns form in
the Narthex,
e-mail or a quick phone
call, once per month if the
name needs to remain on
the list. Thank you.