

**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**Saturday, December 31, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**



**Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
Heav'n's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him:  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger:  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come,

**People: God sent forth His Son,**

Pastor: born of woman, born under the law,

**People: to redeem those who were under the law.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver me in Your mercy and restore me by Your grace that I amend my sinful life. Bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Gracious Lord, You refreshed the memory of Your people of old by having them recount the mighty acts by which You delivered them. Give us Your wisdom and Your Spirit today that we remember Your mercy, be brought to repentance for our sins, and rejoice in the forgiveness You have given to us through the gift of Your one and only Son in flesh; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</b>	<b><i>LSB 380</i></b>
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- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”
- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

## **The Old Testament Reading**

## **Isaiah 63:7–14**

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>8</sup> For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”  
And he became their Savior.  
<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.  
<sup>11</sup> Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.  
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea

with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
<sup>12</sup> who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
<sup>13</sup> who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
<sup>14</sup> Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Reading**

## **Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

## **Matthew 2:13-23**

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- 1 Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav'n again  
To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

(please stand)

7      Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
         Lord Jesus, we adore  
         And praise to God the Father yield  
         And Spirit evermore;  
         We praise You evermore. Amen

## **Sermon      Joseph Dreams of Safety in Egypt**

### **The Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor:      Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Bring to remembrance, O Lord, all of Your saving acts but most especially the gift of Your only-begotten Son, that we be brought to repentance and faith by the proclamation of Christ and trust in Him for the forgiveness of our sins and for everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:      hear our prayer.**

Pastor:      O Lord, as we recall the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem, the first martyrs for the sake of Christ, make us mindful of those who in every time and place have sacrificed their lives to confess Jesus, and give us such boldness that we not shrink from standing in Christ in the face of threat, persecution, and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:      hear our prayer.**

Pastor:      O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the peace of the troubled, the comfort of the grieving, and the hope of the dying. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those in any need, [*especially* . . .], that You deliver them according to Your gracious will, strengthen them to endure their



afflictions, and sustain them to the day of the resurrection, when all pain and suffering shall cease. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Build within us, O Lord, generous hearts, that we act on behalf of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the aged, and the infirm, that the riches with which You have supplied us be used to their aid and for the work of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **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**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

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C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

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- 1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

- 4      O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
         Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
         And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
         Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
         Evermore and evermore.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**Pastor:**      Let us pray.  
                 We give You thanks, almighty God, for the many and various ways You  
                 have made known Your mercy through the ages, but most especially that  
                 now You have made Your saving will and purpose known through Your  
                 Son. As You have so richly fed us with His own body and blood in this  
                 Sacrament, keep us, we pray, in faith and direct our humble obedience to  
                 Your Word, that we be found faithful when He returns in glory to  
                 complete all that He has begun in us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

**Pastor:**      The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn                      Let Our Gladness Have No End                      LSB 381**

1. Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!  
    For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia!

**Refrain:**  
On this day God gave us  
Christ, His Son, to save us;  
Christ, His Son to save us.

2. Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!  
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! [Refrain]
3. See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!  
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! [Refrain]
4. Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!  
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! [Refrain]