



Christmas Day
December 25, 2021
9 a.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

Theme Verse

- P** Our theme verse for today is, “From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace” (John 1:16).

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Invocation & Call to Worship

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
C He was with God in the beginning.
P Through Him all things were made.
C Without Him nothing was made that has been made.
P In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.
C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
C We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only.
P Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
C From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
P Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing—
C O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Confession & Forgiveness

- P** Let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heavenly Father, we are in great need of great grace.
C For we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
P Sin traps us in despair
C And locks us up in anger and resentment.
P Sin binds us to guilt
C And imprisons us in darkness and doubt.
P Sin shackles us to shame
C And leaves us behind the bars of loneliness and loss.

P Hear the Christmas Gospel! The Word became flesh to bear your sin and be your Savior. From the cradle Jesus loves you and from the cross Jesus forgives you. I invite you to believe and receive this promise: Jesus paid for your sin, forgives it completely, and loves you everlastingly! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing—

C O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son. Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first 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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of

grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Mini Message

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Merciful and mighty Father, we thank and praise You for Your Word that spoke creation into existence.
- C** **Your Word directed, controlled, and shaped every event in the Old Testament.**
- P** Merciful and mighty Father, we thank and praise You that Your Word became flesh.
- C** **The creative, powerful, and enduring Word became one of us.**
- P** Merciful and mighty Father, we thank and praise You that Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- C** **Us!**
- P** Not just the high and the mighty.
- C** **Not just the kings and the queens.**
- P** Not just the preferred, the pretty, the polished, and the perfect.
- C** **“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!”**
- P** Us!
- C** **And we have seen His glory! Amen.**

Special Prayers

Offering & Rite of Friendship

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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- Δ1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You have

given to us and all creation. This day we rejoice with the heavenly host as they proclaim the glad tidings of great joy, knowing that the Word has become flesh and made His dwelling among us. Your holy Child, who entered our world that first Christmas, comes unto us again this day in His body and blood as we are drawn unto Your holy presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, O mighty God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You have come unto us in the babe of Bethlehem, who grew up to live the holy life we cannot live so that, by His death and resurrection, we are granted forgiveness, full and free, and drawn unto You for all eternity.

All glory and honor belong to You, O Lord, as You fill us with Your presence in this sacred Meal that we may forever rejoice in Your salvation.

Hear us as we pray in Your Son's name and in the words He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

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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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Angels from the Realms of Glory

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forevermore!

C Amen.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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