

MORNING WORSHIP

Live on Facebook at 10:00 AM

Coffee hour at 11am after service via Zoom

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December 27, 2020

1st Sunday of Christmas

Prelude/Welcome

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Shout to the Lord your praises!

Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

For God's might and power are established in the universe!

God's transforming love beckons us.

Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

O God of goodness and light, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lost our way. You have given us all that we need to live sober lives in a right mind. Impel us to sin no more and give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine ways in the world. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this coming year with a faithfulness that we scarcely knew we had in us. Power this celebration through your Holy Spirit - the greatest gift you can offer us today. Amen

Words of Assurance

Release the burdens of the past. Relinquish control from that which is only in God's hands. Allow the peace of God to dwell in you. You are forgiven. Accept the gift. Relax in the warmth of God's embrace. Amen.

Gathering Song #275 ELW vs 1 & 2 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on us.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Shine your light in to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to live as one.



Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.



Breathe new life in - to our spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our hearts and minds.
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our Lord, Em - man - u - el.

Glory to God



Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good - will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed



joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.



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Prayer of the Day

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

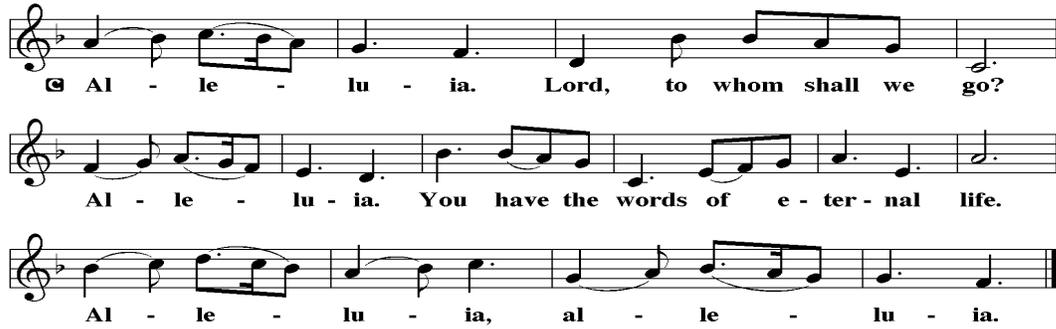
Let us pray:

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

(after the reading) The word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:25-38

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon/Reflection

Hymn of the Day # 296 ELW vs 1 & 3 "What Child Is This"

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing, our growth and inspiring our living.

Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to All people on earth. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Night and day, all creation praises you, O God. Strengthen your church across nations, denominations, and traditions. Fill us with wisdom and unify our proclamation of your forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All creation is holy to you, O God. You cause the earth to bring forth its shoots and gardens to spring up. Protect hibernating animals and frozen lands that wait earnestly for longer days of awakening and growth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The nations are upheld by your hand, O God. Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth, inspiring leaders to serve with compassion and integrity. Send your spirit of discernment upon legislators grappling with complex decisions for the sake of the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send the spirit of your Son into our hearts, O God. Come quickly to hearts that race with fear, hearts that break with grief, and hearts that long for wholeness especially Wally and Colleen, Paula, Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Audra, Barb, Gene, Deb, "Tiny," Pavel, Alla, Oliver and Victoria, Joanne & Jim, & friends and family of Georgia Rettmer. Reveal your power to heal and to save. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Adopt us into your family, O God. Bless our elders with the peace and joy of Simeon and Anna. Strengthen those who have retired, those who work in older age, and those in need of income food, company or healthcare. Connect young and old across generations Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who suffer from the coronavirus, and those who have died from the coronavirus. Receive the dead into your gentle embrace and comfort their loved ones with the power and protection of your peace. Give hope and healing to those who are sick and protection and healing hands and hearts, to the care givers and those on the front lines. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us depart in peace, O God, according to your word. For all your saints, we give you thanks. Prepare our salvation in the sight of all your witnesses of every time and place. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Show a sign of peace in the chat.

Offering Prayer

Lord of our life, the path to you is straight, this Christmas season, may we proclaim a message that is exemplified by our generosity, our kindness, and our prays. In Jesus way we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Go forth to love and serve God in All that you do. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Hymn #288 vs 2 & 3 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Go in peace and know that Christ goes with you! **Thanks be to God.**