



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

"This is where I belong!"

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Christmas 1

December 27, 2020

Welcome – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

***Confession of Sins**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: *Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us,
who covers us with justice and mercy.*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

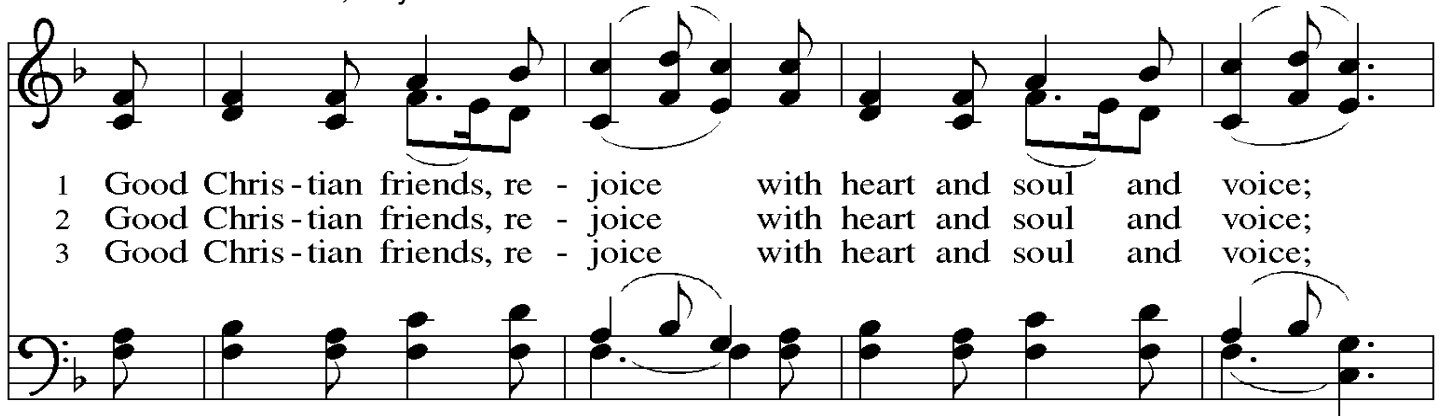
Silence is kept for reflection.

People: ***God of goodness and lovingkindness,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.
We have turned away from your invitation to new life.
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins,
not through our own work,
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger,
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.
Amen.***

***Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #288**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

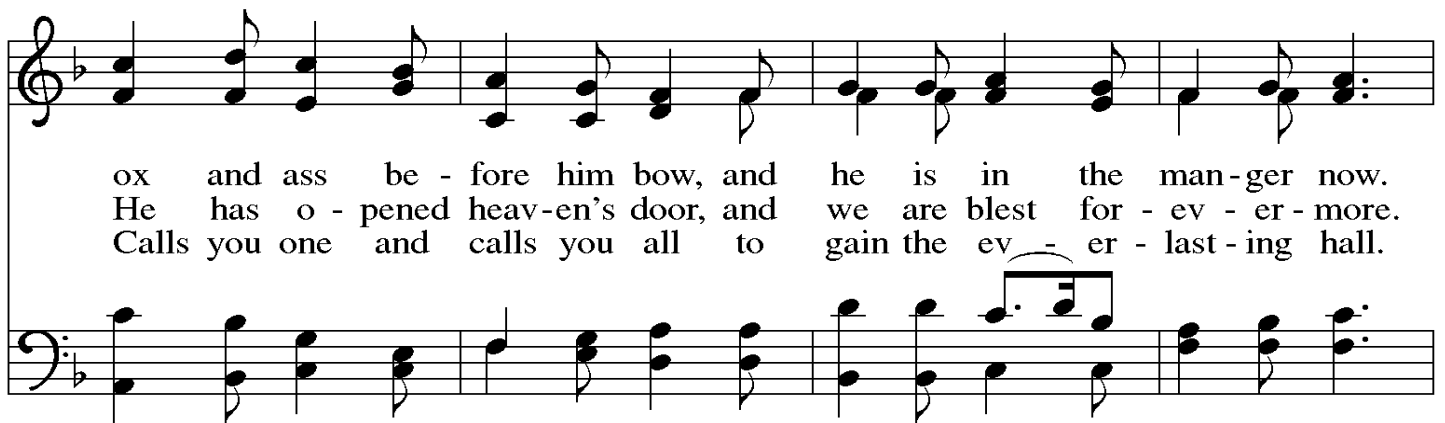
IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Greeting

Pastor: *The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

People: *And also with you.*

Hymn of Praise ~ ELW Hymn #289

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

***Prayer of the Day** (*pray together*)

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

People: *Amen*

WORD[†]

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah 61:10--62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: *Word of God, word of life.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 148

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**
- ⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- ¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**
- ¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

Second Reading

A reading from Galatians 4:4-7

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

Lector: *Word of God, word of life.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: *Alleluia. Here I am, the servant | of the Lord;* let it be with me according | to your word. Alleluia. (Luke 1:38)*

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Lector: *The Gospel of the Lord,*

People: *Praise to you, O Lord.*

The Sermon ~ Pastor Martha Neff Stum

*Hymn of the Day ~ *Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #296

"What Child Is This"

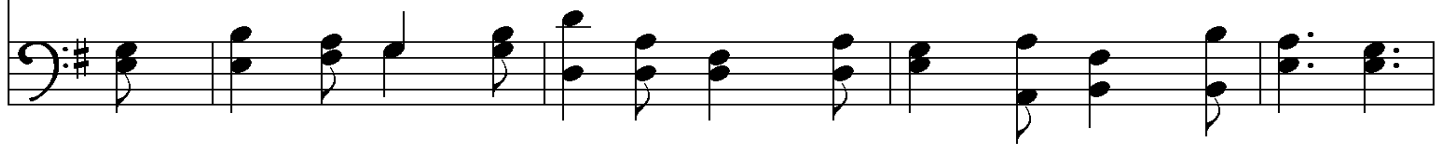
GREENSLEEVES



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: *Hear us, O God,*
People: *Your mercy is great.*

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

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: ***And also with you.***

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*Preface

Pastor: *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.*

*In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.*

*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:*

Holy! Holy! Holy! (setting one)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. — Bless'd is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Pastor: *We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you,*

*through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.*

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*In the same way 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.*

*Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to
stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.*

*Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy
church, both now and forever.*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

***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

Pastor: *Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.*

Distribution Special Music

"Ave Maria"

C. Gonound

Pastor: *May the body & blood of of our Lord and savior,
Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: *God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

People: *Amen*

*Blessing

Pastor: *Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.
Amen.*

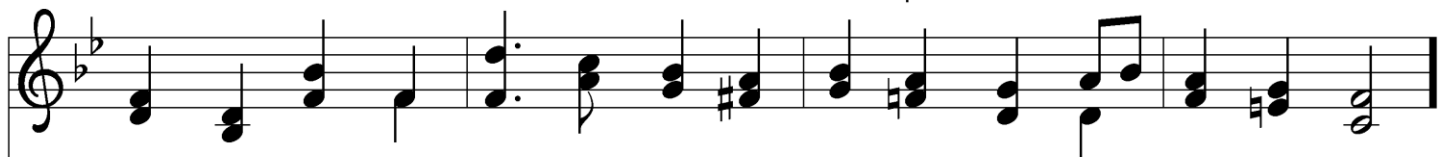
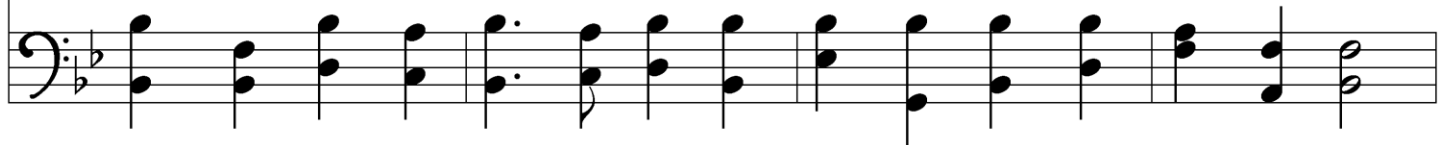
***Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #275**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



***Dismissal**

Pastor:

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus

People:

Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Please add to your prayer list:

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Mert Ingvaldstad

Paul Ingvaldstad

Sumaya Alvillar

Synod VP Paul Gryniewicz

Sonja Dunn

The family of Scott Schlievert at his death on November 12, 2020

The family of Chuck Jonaitis at his death on November 25, 2020

Sunday, January 3, 2020

Christmas 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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