

Sunday Worship

January 2, 2022 ~ Christmas 2

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

Pastor: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
+ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

People: Amen.

Gathering Song ~ ELW #287

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Greeting

Pastor: From the One who was, who is, and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

A reading from 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20

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

Second Reading

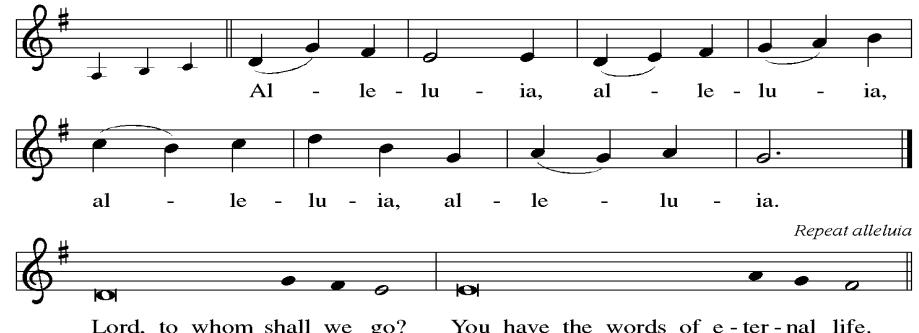
A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praised be the Maker of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! 4 Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love; 5 God likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children—such was God's pleasure and will—6 that everyone might praise the glory of God's grace which was freely bestowed on us in God's beloved, Jesus Christ. 7 It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor 8 given to us with perfect wisdom and understanding. 9 God has taken pleasure in revealing the mystery of the plan through Christ, 10 to be carried out in the fullness of time; namely, to bring all things—in heaven and on earth—together in Christ. 11 In Christ we were willed an inheritance; for in the decree of God—and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel—we were predestined 12 to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. 13 In Christ you too were chosen. When you heard the Good News of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised 14 who is the pledge of our inheritance, the deposit paid against the full redemption of a people who are God's own—to the praise of God's glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." A bracket under the third staff indicates "Repeat alleluia". Below the music, the text "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life." is written.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:[1-9] 10-18

People: 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.

Pastor: This is the gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ~ ELW Hymn #296
"What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Merciful God,

People: Receive our prayer.

Lector: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Prayer

The assembly stands.

Pastor: Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world In righteousness. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness.
Blessed are you for Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Thanksgiving At The Table

Pastor: 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 for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among
us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in Christ's
death and resurrection.
We look with hope for Christ.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

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: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

The assembly may be seated.

Lamb of God

G Lam of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Music

~ ELW Hymn #487
"What Feast of Love" GREENSLEEVES

~ ELW Hymn #282
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

Post-Communion Blessing

The living body and life blood of Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sending Announcements

Please rise in body/spirit.

Blessing

Pastor: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
People: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #298
"The Bells of Christmas" DET KIMER NU TIL JULEFEST

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God!

Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad

Gerry Meyer

Joy Neverman

June Williams

Michael Lounsbury

Mary Hewlett

Daphne Myers

Hildi Williams

Keith Swarny

Prayers for the Alvillar family on the death of
Matilde "Tillie" Olague Alvillar at the age of 98
on December 27, 2021



January 9, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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Christmas 2

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