



December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas
10:00AM Worship Service

*Vision Statement: Centered on the Holy Bible,
we will continue to be a Christ-filled church
serving others near and far.*

**GATHERING
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Indicates those able to please stand

Hymn

LBW 45 – Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn

LBW 50 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

****Nicene Creed***

LBW P.64

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son

he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Hymn **LBW 54 – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray....

C: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn **LBW 55 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

The first reading is from Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home. ²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

Hymn **LBW 56 – The First Noel**

The Psalm is from Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

⁶ **and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² **young men and women, old men and children.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

Hymn

LBW 60 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Second Lesson is from Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word

or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn

LBW 67 – Away In a Manger

The Holy Gospel is from Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hymn

LBW 71 – Angels We Have Heard on High

Offering

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn

**We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!**

**Good tidings to you wherever you are;
Good tidings for Christmas
And a Happy New Year!**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

A Amen!

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

A Thanks be to God!

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