## **GRACE AT HOME**



### GOD IS WITH US

"A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness." – Isaiah 40:3

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.



- of the na tions, come; vir gin's son, make here your home. hu man flesh and blood, but the mys tic Breath of God, Sav - ior
- Won-drous birth—oh, won-drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- Say ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads; 4 From God's heart the



 $\mathbf{O}$ earth: God has cho-sen heav'n and Mar - vel such was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh. God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his van-quish death's com - mand, back to reign at Ver - y race to God's right hand.

- 5 Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word! To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally!

### PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 146

### GOSPEL READING

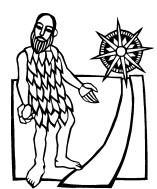
Matthew 11:2-10

## QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

- 1. Who was John the Baptist and what did he do?
- Why was John the Baptist in prison?
- 3. What is the question that he asks Jesus, and why is it important?
- 4. What is Jesus' response to the question?
- 5. What was the main job of John the Baptist?
- 6. What things in our worship service today point you to Christ?
- 7. God sent John the Baptist to the people to point them to Christ, what does God give you to point you to Christ?

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



# **TEAM 784**

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

Sundays, 9:15am

Dec. 14th...Term Review Games

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>...NO CLASS Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>...NO CLASS Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>...NO CLASS

## GOD'S WORD BY HEART

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. - Isaiah 7:14



### **DAILY READINGS**

Mon. - Heb 12:1-13; Acts 15:1-21 Tues. - Heb 12:14-29; Acts 16:1-15 Wed. - Heb 13; Acts 16:16-34 Thur. - James 1:1-18; Acts 17:1-15 Fri. - James 1:19-27; Acts 17:16-34

#### **CATECHISM CORNER**

### HOLY BAPTISM

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

What then is this word of God?

Where our Lord Christ says in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

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