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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**1ST Sunday after Christmas**

**December 26th, 2021  
9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Loraine Mix

**Acolyte:** Emy Wahl

**Special Music:** Pastor Becky Sogge

**Altar Guild:** LEAHCircle

### Prelude -Loraine Mix

### Welcome – Announcements

**Gathering Song** *“Love Has Come”* ELW 292

**Dialogue**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,** **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ’s glory,** **glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,** **and the life was the light of all people.**

### Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**Lessons and Carols**

**Isaiah 9:2-7** *God promises a king*

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming ELW 272

**Micah 5:2-5a** *The king will come from Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem ELW 279

**Luke 1:26-35, 38** *The annunciation to Mary*

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness ELW 251

**Luke 2:1-7** *The birth of Jesus*

Infant holy, infant lowly ELW 276

**Luke 2:8-16** *The shepherds go to see the Savior*

Angels, from the realms of glory ELW 275

**Luke 2:21-36** *Jesus receives his name*

Away in a Manger ELW 278

**Matthew 2:1-11** *The magi follow the star*

What child is this ELW 296

**John 1:1-14** *The mystery of the incarnation*

The Bells of Christmas ELW 298 vs 1-3, 6

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### Responsive Prayer

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on the sick, the dying,** **and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacramentthat we may bear your light to all the world.**

### Offering

### *You are invited to place your offering in the plates as you come forward to receive Holy Communion or electronically through Vanco*

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**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.**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,

the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song “***Go Tell It On the Mountain”* ELW 290

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude -Loraine Mix

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| **Sunday Attendance and Giving** | | | |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | | **Giving** |
| December 19 | 209 | | $3,233.94 |
| December 12 | 74 | $1,898.00 | |
| December 5 | 67 | $3,553.00 | |
| November 28 | 68 | $1,557.00 | |

**Mission Project for December**

**Heifer International**

**Sunday School Dates**

**December 26 -** No Sunday School

**January 2 -** No Sunday School

**Year End Offering**

You may leave your 2021-year end contribution in the mailbox attached to the office door if the offices are closed. Please have it in by December 31st if you would like it on your 2021 Contribution Statement.

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| **Weekly Calendar** | | | |
| Sunday, December 26 | 9:00 am | | Worship Service with N.O. |
|  | |  | 20’s Lock In |
| Tuesday, December 28 | | 6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |
| Thursday, December 30 | | 8:30 am | Quilting |
|  | | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Friday, December 31 | |  | J.H. Lock In |
| Sunday, January 2 | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C. |
|  | |  | No Sunday School |
|  | | 6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |