

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, January 3, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the
Morning" LSB 400*

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid
Star of the East the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all**

**Shall we not yield Him in costly devotion
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor**

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Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the
+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near
with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and
earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my
transgressions unto the Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the
iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father,
I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess unto Thee all my sins
and iniquities with which I have
ever offended Thee and justly
deserved Thy temporal and
eternal punishment. But I am
heartily sorry for them and
sincerely repent of them, and I**

pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *1 Kings 3: 4-15 ESV*

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you

have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *Psalm 119: 97-104 ESV*

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my

enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

People: (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to
Ephesians, the first chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things

in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is

worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 397

**As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding start behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward beaming bright
So most gracious Lord
May we evermore be led by Thee**

**As with joyful steps they sped
Savior to Thy lowly bed
There to bend the knee before Thee
Whom heav'n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat**

**As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle rude and bare
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ to Thee our heav'nly King**

**Holy Jesus every day
Keep us in the narrow way
And when earthly things are past
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide
Where no clouds Thy glory hide**

**In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light
Thou its light its joy its crown
Thou its sun which goes not down
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King**

+++ SERMON +++

"I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE"

Text: Matthew 2:1-8 (Below)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

All:

**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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Let earth receive its King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sin and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for

His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" LSB 390

Let us all with gladsome voice

Praise the God of heaven

Who to bid our hearts rejoice

His own Son hath given

To this vale of tears He comes

Here to serve in sadness

That with him in heav'ns' fair homes

We may reign in gladness

**We are rich, for He was poor
Is no this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior dear
Be Thou ever near us
Grant us now a glad new year
Amen Jesus, Hear us**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*
Marie Brown, *Organist*
Frank Pignanelli, *Elder/Comm. Assist*
Lauri Pignanelli, *Reader*
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adult Instruction Group
We will resume our studies on the
10th of January, at 3 PM.

Ash Wednesday
February 17th

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please fill them out & place them in the plate at the
back of the church.

ATTENDANCE

December 27 9:30am 34

PRAYER LIST

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Shawn Stamp – January 1

Brittany Trout – January 5

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Val Mason, Passing of her Father on
December 8

Ronda Smith, Glenn Carins Cousin,
recovering from Covid;

Geraldine Simms, Glenn Carins Cousin,
recovering from Covid;

Eric Witte, son of Phyllis Witte, side effects
from Covid;

Joyce Witte, Daughter in law of Phyllis Witte,
reaction from cancer treatments;

Pastor Griffin, showing signs of improvement
from stroke—hospitalized;

Paul Campbell, hospitalized since April, will
be released soon; We pray for his
continued recovery;

Concerning Beth Williams, the quilter, who suffered a house fire just before Christmas—After the terrific response last Sunday in items that were needed a few more are needed:

1. plastic containers used in the kitchen,
2. dressers for clothing,
3. bathroom and kitchen towels,
4. non-perishable foods like spices, etc.,
5. linens (regular and queen),
6. casual chairs for living-room.

When her husband died last year, Beth cancelled the motorcycle insurance—but the company cancelled the home policy also. They are trying to sort through these issues.

If you can supply any of these items, speak with Ruth Pollatz to make arrangements. You can reach her at 1-734-306-8724.

Keep Beth in your prayers.
Thank you, God bless you for responding so lovingly thus far.

Ruth Pollatz