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First Sunday After Christmas

“OUT OF EGYPT”

*Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

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

People: Amen.

Leader: The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy;

**People: they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever!

Leader: Let us pray: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son, yet more wondrously restored our human nature.

People: Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;

Leader: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: O Lord God, we confess that although we usually prepare for “the fullness of time,” that is not true in our personal lives.

People: **Forgive our impatience for taking matters into our own hands, forgive our not trusting that You are in control of all things, and forgive our failing to acknowledge You above all else.**

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that unlike obedient Joseph, we have not always listened to Your commands and instructions.

People: **Forgive our desire to be in control, forgive our avoiding difficult decisions, and forgive our thinking that we are able to arrange all things for our own benefit.**

Pastor: We confess, O Lord, that we have kept our faith to ourselves.

People: **Forgive us for not giving Your leading us “a glorious name,” forgive our failure to ask You for guidance each day, and forgive our seeking to be like everyone else, rather than trusting You.**

Pastor: Forgiveness has been won for you! The babe born in Bethlehem is the only-begotten Son of God. The Spirit urges you to cry, “Abba! Father!” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



Opening Song: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” – LW #57

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)



First Reading: Isaiah 63:7 – 14

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4 – 7

Reader: This is God's Word.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

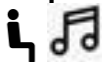
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13 – 23

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.


People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: “The Savior of the Virgin Born”

Message: “Out of Egypt” – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

 **Apostles Creed – *speak together***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

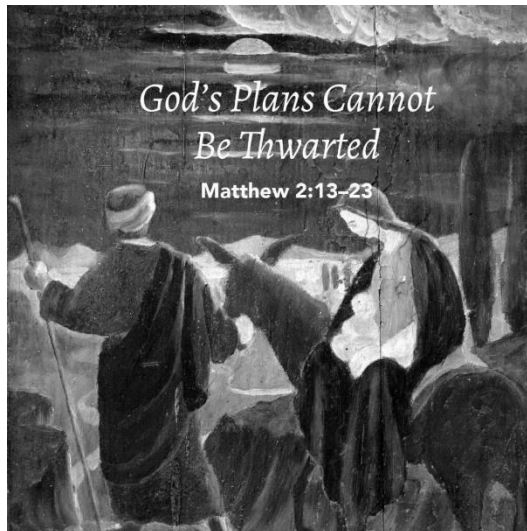
The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Closing Litany: The Lord Told Joseph He Must Go

"Singing Thru The Scriptures" ©2023 Rev. John C. Stennfeld

Leader: The Lord told Joseph he must go, And take his child and wife,

People: **For Herod planned to find his son To take away his life.**

Leader: To Egypt they would flee that night, And so they would fulfill

People: **The prophet's words about their son, In keeping with God's will.**

Leader: Still Herod sought to find the boy, And he began to slew

People: **All of the boys in Bethlehem, All who were under two.**

Leader: Thus Jeremiah's words were heard 'Bout Rachel's ancient cry,

People: **This mother weeping for her sons Because they all would die.**

Leader: But when at last Herod was dead, An angel then would tell

People: **Joseph to take his family And go to Israel.**

Leader: In Nazareth of Galilee Jesus would grow to be

People: **The man who'd die to pay for sin To set all people free.**

Leader: And so we praise Christ's holy name, As we recall his birth,

People: **And thank the Lord in heav'n above For sending him to earth.**

Benediction: Psalm 111: 1, 3

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

People: **and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."



Closing Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard On High" – LW #55

Announcements

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message or join us Monday morning on ZOOM to discuss the message.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Beverly Erbel
Comm. Assistant: **No Comm.*
Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Fe Rittenbach
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Daina Vitols*
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

Lay Leader: Judy Montoya
Comm. Assistant: Judy Montoya
Usher/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Judy Montoya
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Marcia Hurley
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: Sherrald McMurray

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: JJ Bastien

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken's*) and LTJG Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Evelyn Utterback – Pray for comfort and strength, during radiation therapy for cancer (*Fe Rittenbach's sister*).

Susan Desmond – Prayers for her recovery from heart surgery.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant to become available, as he continues dialysis.

Dave Hurley – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

Joyce Larsen – Prayers for her comfort and relief from pain (*Jo Anne Goldsmith's friend*).

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for restoring his ability to walk again and heal his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her continued health.

Mike Gremmels – Continued prayers for healing.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Isaiah 63:7 – 14

⁷ I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior.

⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹² who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,

¹³ who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴ Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4 – 7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13 – 23

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Herod Kills the Children

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

