



*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." – Matthew 6:7-9*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2025 – First Sunday after Christmas

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Masters in This Hall"

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 148)*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

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

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars;

wild animals and cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and rulers;

young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above heaven and earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Lord, you sent your only Son to be our Savior, yet we confess how we harden our hearts to the pain of the world. We hear the cries the innocent and do nothing to stop their suffering. We lie to you and ourselves, claiming that there’s nothing we can do; we can’t afford to help; it’s none of our business; it’s their own fault. Forgive us, Lord. Rescue us and guide us along a right path. Give us the courage to protect and nurture the small bundle of hope entrusted to us, that it may grow strong to deliver all who live in distress.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (v. 3)**

*Good Christian friends rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Child of God”

arr. Mark Davis

*Mary holds the infant boy, Joseph watches filled with joy.
Shepherds come from near and far to see just who they are.
Lowly baby, yet a King. Herald angel's voices sing.
Wise men bring Him gold and myrrh and nations begin to stir.
Child of God, King of Kings, bring us hope and bring us love,
Child of God, King of Kings, bring us hope and bring us peace tonight.
Humble baby, gentle boy, fill this world with hope and joy.
Let your cry for peace be heard in Bethlehem tonight.
Child of God, King of Kings, bring us hope and bring us love,
Child of God, King of Kings, bring us hope and bring us peace tonight.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:13-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Emotional Redaction”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from, *The Confession of Belhar*, 1986

What do we believe?

WE BELIEVE that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

WE BELIEVE that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

JESUS IS LORD. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (v.4)*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:*

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king!

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #119

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mac McCall & Sandy Lacy
Greeter: Jeanne McCleod
Welcome Table: Mac Warner
Liturgist: Martha Warner
Acolyte: Declan Smithwick

*The flowers are in honor of Betty Dattler's many years of service they are
donated by Lynn and Barry and Chad Hammer.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone
before our worship service begins.**

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