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BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING II



CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022
SATURDAY 3:00 p.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: O, Holy Night by Adolph C. Adam (Instrumental)

Please join in where the text is bolded.

Red Book

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN: Hymn #283, All four verses

Kyrie – Choir and Congregation

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In peace let us pray...

CANTICLE of PRAISE

This is the Feast of...

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PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

Psalm: Psalm 96

Refrain



Psalm 96:11

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Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. (Ps. 96:11)

- ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**
- ³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R**
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
- ¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth. **R**

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Page 124

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave

birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

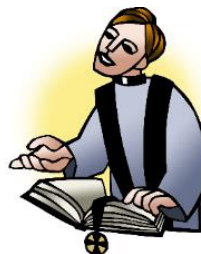
[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM – One Small Babe

SERMON – Pastor Mike Patterson



A time of silence follows the Sermon.

McPhail Family Singers – Mary Did You Know

HYMN of the DAY: Hymn #279

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You are pleased to dwell with your creatures and the whole earth sings for joy. Renew the splendor of creation from the smallest cell to the widest galaxies. Guide us to be wise stewards of your gifts for the sake of generations to come. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your authority is over the nations. Break the rod of oppression in every land and free all people from fear. Bring peace where there is war, compassion where there is suffering, and healing where there is disease (*regions in crisis may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You cherish those who are most vulnerable. Protect infants and children, and bless those who care for them. Watch over women giving birth, attend the dying, and relieve any who are in pain (*especially*). Shelter refugee families and those who have no home. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your lovingkindness embraces everyone in need. Help any for whom this season is lonely or joyless. Comfort those among us, or known to us, who are experiencing distress of body or mind, missing loved ones, or grieving (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have died into the joyous light of glory. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place who have praised you with lives of faith and humility. Inspire us by their example to love you by serving others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.
Amen.

PASSING of the PEACE

TITHES and OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

The table is set for Holy Communion.

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #294, All three verses

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We praise your name...

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Holy One...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn #276, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, Both verses

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

Hymn #270, Three verses

Hymn #282, Four verses

Hymn #289, Three verses

Hymn #267, Four verses

Hymn #275, Four verses

Hymn #269, Four verses

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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CANDLE LIGHTING – Silent Night

BLESSING

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SENDING SONG: Hymn #288, Three verses

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE: Hymn #290, Go Tell it on the Mountain (Instrumental)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Greeter – Vera Logie

Reader – Steve Ranson

Communion Assistant – Judy McPhail and

Holly McPhail

Ushers – TBA

Counters – TBA

Acolyte/s – TBA

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Team – Jay Olshen,
Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis



ALTAR GUILD

December 24th

Vicki Hamilton

Musician

Dave Lingsjo



Faith L.I.N.K. meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



Budget Goals

To meet our **2022-2023 budget**, we need average unrestricted donations of **\$4,594.00 per week**.

Unfortunately, we are falling short of this goal!

St. Paul's depends on **you** to continue its ministry and thanks you for your support.

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Audrey Stroub, rehab for back surgery, Brita Steyn's granddaughter born prematurely, Nellie Revelle, COVID-19, Vera Logie, Gayle Kennett, hernia surgery, Dave Lingsjo, upcoming knee surgery, Tom, a friend of St. Paul's, Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Sharon Olshen; Anna Little, Dee Coughlin, Dick Lowther, a broken hip; Joan Yeskie, Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister), and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues, Bob Stroub, Audrey Stroub, health issues; Wayne Opperman, Bill Sandell, Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, Sarah Jevne, Carol Kalleres, continued health issues, James Wilson, continued health issues, Mary Ann Adamik, healing, Ellen Harrell, medical issues, Betty Razor, healing, Karen (Hone) Nolte, Hannelore Hanke, and Diana Johns.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and for all those who suffer due to gun violence, genocide, famine, war, bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, and civil unrest.



We grieve with Bev Gutzman and family on the recent loss of her brother. May his memory be a blessing.

