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CONTEMPORARY/LIVESTREAM WORSHIP  
(10:30 AM)



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

*Please stand as you are able*

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made:

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118:24)**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

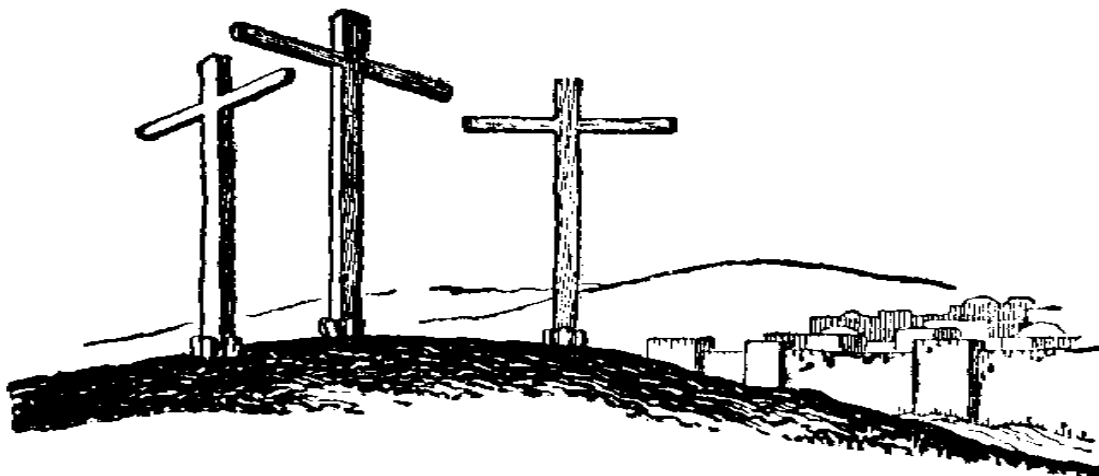
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God,

**C** **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

**P** I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**C** **Amen.**



## GATHERING HYMN

## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

### **Refrain:**

**Go tell it on the Mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'ry where;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**

- 1) While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

### **Refrain**

- 2) The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

### **Refrain**

- 3) Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

### **Refrain**

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God our redeemer,

C **you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PR. SCOT SORENSEN

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."  
<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

R Word of God, word of life

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 1:3-14

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL VERSE

**C Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.**

## GOSPEL READING

## John 1:1-18

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

**C Glory to You, O Lord**

[<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of our Lord

**C Praise to You, O Christ**

Please be seated

## SERMON

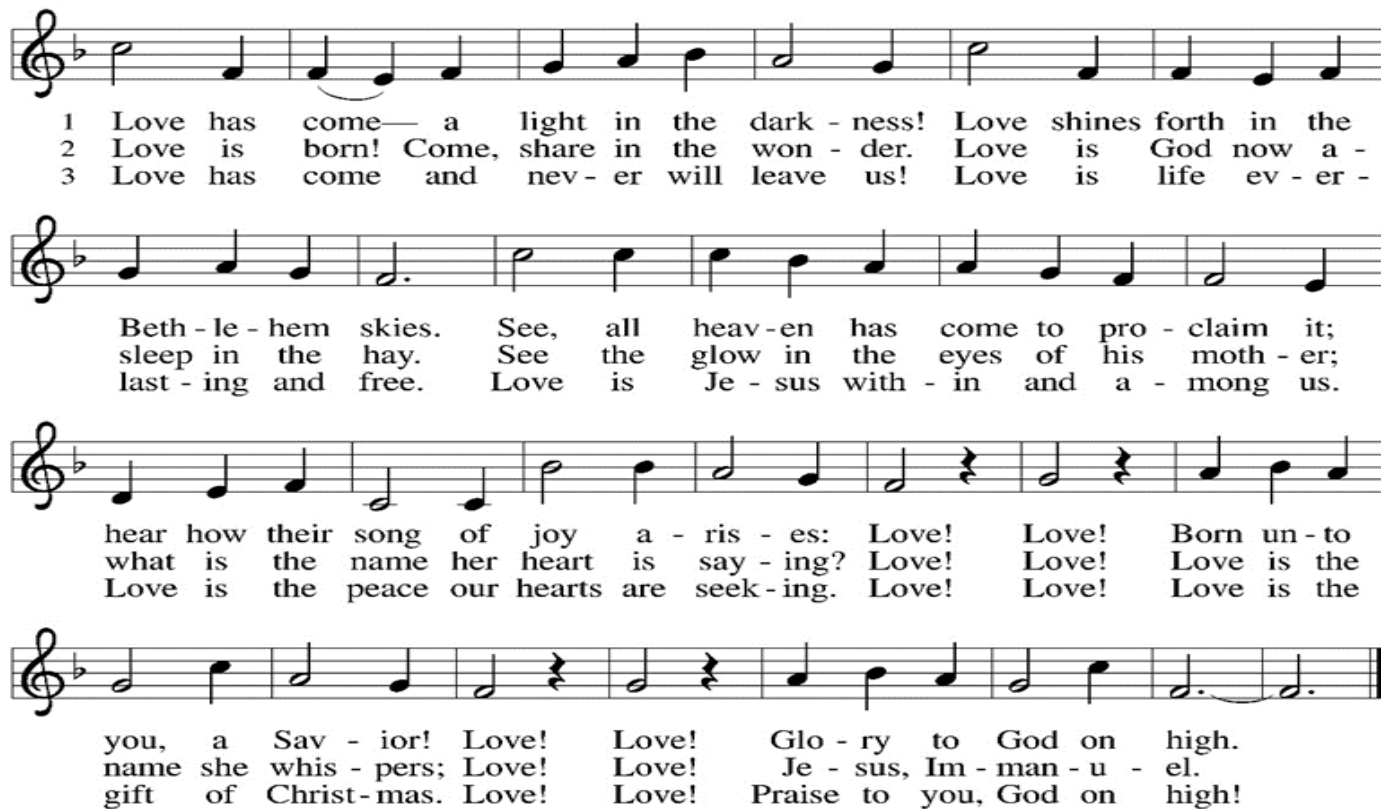
## "GOD DOES WINDOWS"

PR. SCOT SORENSEN

Please stand as you are able

## SONG OF THE DAY

## LOVE HAS COME



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — APOSTLES CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated*

## **MINISTRY MOMENTS (ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

**OFFERING** *(Please place your offerings in the collection plate located by the doors as you exit)*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand as you are able*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

*We invite all baptized Christians who desire God's presence and forgiveness in their life to receive Communion. The "Eucharistables" with options of wine or grape juice are located on the round table in the narthex. Please see an usher for the gluten-free option.*

*If you are worshiping in your homes, you are invited to commune each other, or to take communion yourself. You may use these words:*

The body of the Christ, given for you. The blood of the Christ, shed for you.

*For those abstaining from communion, I invite you to offer a blessing to each other. Here are two options:*

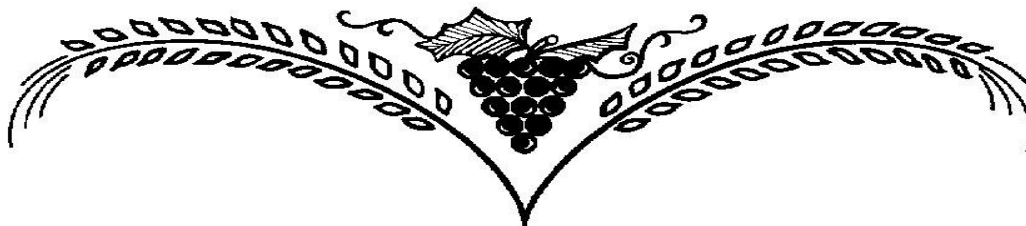
1. *Marking the forehead in the sign of the cross and saying:*

(Name) child of God, know that you are loved and protected by God.

2. *Prayer for those abstaining from Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

*Please be seated*



## COMMUNION SONG

## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

(Do You Hear What I Hear?)

1. Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
(Do you see what I see?)  
Way up in the sky, little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
(Do you see what I see?)  
A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite's,  
With a tail as big as a kite's.
2. Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
A song, a song high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea.
3. Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
Do you know what I know?  
(Do you know what I know?)  
In your palace warm, mighty king,  
Do you know what I know?  
(Do you know what I know?)  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold,  
Let us bring him silver and gold.
4. Said the king to the people everywhere,  
Listen to what I say!  
(Listen to what I say!)  
Pray for peace, people everywhere!  
Listen to what I say!  
(Listen to what I say!)  
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.

*Please stand as you are able*

## BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.



## SENDING HYMN

- 1) There was a little baby, O my Lord;  
there was a little baby, O my Lord;  
there was a little baby, O my Lord,  
way down in Bethlehem.  
way down in Bethlehem.
- 2) They laid him in a manger, O my Lord;  
they laid him in a manger, O my Lord;  
they laid him in a manger, O my Lord,  
way down in Bethlehem  
way down in Bethlehem.
- 3) Some shepherds came to see him, O my Lord;  
Some shepherds came to see him, O my Lord;  
Some shepherds came to see him, O my Lord,  
way down in Bethlehem  
way down in Bethlehem.
- 4) Three wisemen brought him presents, O my Lord;  
three wisemen brought him presents, O my Lord;  
three wisemen brought him presents, O my Lord,  
way down in Bethlehem  
way down in Bethlehem.
- 5) Bright angels watchin' over, O my Lord;  
bright angels watchin' over, O my Lord;  
bright angels watchin' over, O my Lord,  
way down in Bethlehem  
way down in Bethlehem.

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## THERE WAS A LITTLE BABY

