



January 2, 2022
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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Worship: Sunday at 10:00 am
Broadcast Sunday mornings, 8:00-8:30, on KAPS Radio (660 am)

L = Leader; C = Congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L : 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.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination. 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.

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

“Let Our Gladness Have No End” RED HYMNAL HYMN #291

CHRISTMAS CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

L: Underneath the light of one especially bright star,
C: Jesus Christ was born.

L: In a plain and simple manger,
C: Jesus Christ was born.

L: With animals gathered all around,
All: Jesus Christ was born.

L: Wrapped in a mother's embrace and a father's care,
C: Jesus Christ was born.

L: So that we might know God better,
C: Jesus Christ was born.

L: Almighty God, you have wondrously revealed yourself in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. By faith we continue to kneel beside the manger-throne during the season of Christmas, hoping that somehow he will be born in us. For Jesus' sake, grant that we may share in a new birth of faith. Teach us to recognize your presence in our lives, and bring us at the last to the realm of your glory, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L Let us pray, Almighty God,...

C you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

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.

⁷Thus 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.”

⁸See, 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.

⁹With 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.

¹⁰Hear 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.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹²They 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.
¹³Then 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.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.



THE PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹ of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹ dren within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace ¹ on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹ to the earth,
a word that runs ¹ very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives ¹ snow like wool,
scattering ¹ frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters ¹ hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹ word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹ waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the ¹ word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ ments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹ other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1-9, 10-18

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.

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone,

was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Has Come" ELW #292

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

WE SHARE THE MEAL

OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you have done great things for us and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS 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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION: RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*” RED HYMNAL HYMN #272

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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