

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jan 01 – No Sunday School Today. Join us for Coffee and Donuts after church in the Fellowship Hall.**

**INVOCATION**

**P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN No. 379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

***Galatians 3:24–26; 4:4–5***

**L: Christ, our Savior is born!**

**C: O come, let us adore Him!**

**L: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

**C: O come, let us adore Him!**

**L: The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.**

**C: O come, let us adore Him!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:34; Galatians 3:23; 5:1***

**L: As we begin a new year in God's grace, we acknowledge and repent of our sinfulness and failure to keep His Law, for Scripture says, "Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."**

**C: Lord, we confess to You our sins, those of which we know, and those of which we are unaware. We have not always viewed Your Law as a gift, but instead at times as a burden to obey. Though we desire to be free, we find ourselves enslaved and unable to help ourselves. Forgive us.**

**L: "Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed."**



**C:** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Law and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

**L:** “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

**C:** Amen.

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**CAROL**        “Angels We Have Heard on High”

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Heavenly Father,

**C:** When the carols have been stilled,

**L:** When the star-topped tree is taken down,

**C:** When family and friends are gone home,

**L:** When we are back to our schedules

**C:** The work of Christmas begins:

**L:** To welcome the stranger,

**C:** To feed the hungry,

**L:** To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,

**C:** To share our gifts,

**L:** To seek justice and peace for all people,

**C:** To bring Christ’s light to the world.

*Adapted from Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman’s ‘When the Song of the Angels is Stilled’*

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for this New Year's Day is from *Numbers, chapter 6.*

(6:22–27)

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Galatians, chapter 3.

(3:23–29)

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

L: Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God;

C: make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL      *Luke 2:21*      (Jesus is circumcised and named.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**CAROL**                    **“What Child is This”**

**SERMON**        **“Do You Know Who Holds Your Future?”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**                    **THE NICENE CREED**                    *Please stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose  
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**    *John 3:16, adapted; 16:33; Galatians 4:4–5, adapted*

**L:    Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to  
their needs.**

Ever-present God, You are Lord of our past, our present, and our future. We know that all we need for this body and life and all we would ever need for the peace of our souls in the forgiveness of sins comes from You. For Your care in the past year and for Your gracious promises in this new year assured in Christ alone,

C: we praise You, Lord.

L: Ever-living God, we know that no matter the year or new beginnings, we are not strangers to Christ's words, "In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Be with the leaders of the nations, states, and local communities that wisdom be given for the justice and well-being of others. In times of tribulation, grant us Your peace. In times of trials, grant us a confident faith. In times of troubles, remind us of Your living presence and draw us to Your Word and Means of Grace. For the gifts of grace You supply for our every need each year and each day,

C: we praise You, Lord.

L: Ever-compassionate God, we lift in prayer those who have needs known to us, those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs of body and soul are known only to You. Today we give thanks on behalf of **Reed Jorgenson** whose surgery brought a cancer free result. Wherever trials and tribulations, suffering and struggles, are endured, set them free from their burdens and heal them according to Your will. **We pray for the family of Dean Paulmeyer and for the family of Pastor Julio Loza** who entered their eternal rest. We thank You, O God, for the comfort and peace you have gave them as they have now entered into the kingdom of Glory. For the gift of Your ever-present care we commend all who suffer to Your ever-present care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we praise You, Lord.

L: Ever-gracious God, You so loved this world that You gave Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. In this continuing Christmas season and each day of this new year, continue to draw us to our Savior Jesus Christ, born for us, that we follow Him who died, rose to victory and ascended to glory for us. As we follow Him, equip and sustain us through Your Holy Spirit that we witness the truth of Your Word centered on our Savior to all whom You place in our lives. For Your unconditional love and forgiveness for all,

C: we praise You, Lord.

L: Ever-faithful God, You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm, and those blessings have brought us joy while we journey toward Your Kingdom of Glory. Let Your blessings continue fall on **Charla Morton, Natalie Bartimus, Terry Colvin, Matthew Bowman, Connie Schatz, Rachel Schmidt, and Mikaila Soberanis** who lift up their eyes to heaven in thanksgiving for the gift of another year to live to Your glory. For Your blessing of every milestone of life,

C: we praise You, Lord.

**L:** In this New Year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

### **PREFACE**

**P:** It was in the midst of a Passover Meal that Jesus enhanced this tradition when He refocused the sacrifice of the Passover lamb for Israel onto the greater sacrifice for all; Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P:** Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray, saying:

**All:** 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.

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI                    “The Lamb” (LSB 547 vs. 2)**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb, is reigning on His throne!

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS    video: “Somewhere In Your Silent Night” Casting Crowns**  
**LSB 900 - “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

**POST-COMMUNION “Let All Together Praise our God”                    (LSB 389 vs. 1)**

Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again  
To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD        *Numbers 6:24–26***

**P:**    The Lord bless you and keep you.  
         The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
         The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.  
**C:**    Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN No. 388        “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Refrain:**        Go tell it on the mountain,  
                      Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
                      Go tell it on the mountain  
                      That Jesus Christ is born!

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

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

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

**SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.        **C:**        Thanks be to God!