

2023

"Gloria In Excelsis Deo"



WELCOME TO WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

*"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

SONG Angels from the Realms of Glory

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus

Come and worship, Come and worship;
Worship Christ, The new-born King!

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light.

Verse 3

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star.

Verse 4

**Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.**

Verse 5

**Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you, break the chains.**

Verse 6

**Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Ev'-ry knee shall then bow down.**

Verse 7

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: **We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen.** Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

LESSONS

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 111

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:21-40

GOSPEL

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

God & Sinners Reconciled

SONG

on screen

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we
pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,
through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have
compassion on broken and lost people around me.
Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel
of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience.
Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience
Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Verse 1

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Chorus

**O star of wonder star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Verse 2

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. (Chorus)**

Verse 3

**Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him God on high. (Chorus)**

Verse 4

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. (Chorus)**

Verse 5

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Pearly through the earth and skies. (Chorus)**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY January 7, 2024

Epiphany & Baptism of Our LORD

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15) Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of Our Lord Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29

Romans 6:1-11 Mark 1:4-11

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December 24, 2023

Attend: 20

Offering \$620.00

Christmas Eve

Attend: 32

Offering \$486.00



Join us for Fellowship Hour

Next Sunday January 7th

Help De-decorate

Following our worship service next Sunday we will be taking down and putting away all of the Advent and Christmas decorations. There is a lot to do, so your help would be a blessing.

