

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 379 386 388

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Dec. 26 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Dec. 26 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 No Sunday School classes

Dec. 26 NO Adult Sunday School

Dec. 28 NO 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Dec. 28 NO 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Dec. 29 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Dec. 29 NO Noon Bible Study

Dec. 29 NO 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is our first hymn, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. This hymn reveals to us the identity of the child in the manger. He is "Light of Light eternal," the "Son of the Father," the "Word of the Father now in flesh appearing." The child in the manger is the Son of God, come to live with Man as man. So that is why we rejoice, that is why we sing on Christmas day. God himself has come to be our savior and our lord. O come, let us adore him.

A WORD: Even though it is only December 26, our readings have shifted from the time of Jesus' birth to the time of his childhood. So we find Jesus and Mary in the temple, offering the sacrifices appropriate for a firstborn son, and observing the ritual of redemption described in Exodus 13, our Old Testament reading. During this time, a man named Simeon blesses the Lord with a song. We use the Song of Simeon every communion service as the Nunc Dimittis. Simeon says that he can now depart (leave this life) in peace, because he has seen the Lord's salvation. When we sing the Nunc Dimittis, we adopt Simeon's song as our own, declaring that we are now prepared to depart the table of the Lord, even to depart this life, in peace, because we have seen the salvation of God in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We are prepared for every departure once we have received salvation.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1Kings 3:4-15 Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: In Simeon's hands is the true Light that has come into the world. This radiant Christ is the beautiful Savior, who illumines the path of salvation for all peoples. It is no wonder that Simeon can now depart in peace, as the light of the world has illumined his eyes. This same light continues to shine into our lives this day by the Word. Jesus Christ has dispelled and overcome the darkness of our sin through His cross and resurrection in order to bring us into His marvelous light.

THE PASTOR and his family will be gone next week visiting family for Christmas.

THANK YOU to my church family and friends for the prayers, well wishes and cards for my 90th Birthday. It was wonderful to be remembered by so many. **Robert McKenney**

THANK YOU for all the lovely Birthday cards. I really enjoyed them. **Beverly Baker**

THANK YOU to the LYC for the Christmas gifts that I received. **Gayle Johnson**

THANK YOU to the LYC for the Christmas goodies. It made me smile and made my day much brighter. **Janice Delfs**

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2022 are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committees for January are: Peace-Bev Doorenbos and Shirley Lambert and at English-Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will meet January 12th at 3:30 p.m. Devotions and Program by Verla Fick and Hostess will be Karen Olson.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect drinks-fruit juice, vegetable juices, tea, water, Gatorade, tang, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 379: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Choir, congregation joins refrain

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 2:30, 32

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 386: NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN 388: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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