

# CHRISTMAS DAY

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Beverly Baker, Mildred Peters, Marsha Neely

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns Insert 379 387

## **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

Dec. 25 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Dec. 25 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Dec. 27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Dec. 27 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Dec. 28 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Dec. 28 Noon Bible Study

Dec. 28 No Confirmation

Dec. 31 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Joy to the World*. This hymn boldly declares that joy has come to the world because Christ has arrived. This hymn repeats the thought of Psalm 16, "In Your presence, there is fullness of joy." In a world that is gray and cold, everyone seeks joy. But there is only one place where joy can be found. And that place, that person, has come to us on Christmas day, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A WORD:** Our readings today help us to understand what God was up to as he sent his son into the world. The Old Testament reading declares that salvation has come because the Lord has arrived. Therefore, we should open the gates of the city and prepare the roads for the coming of the king. In Christ, God is seeking us out, so welcome him when he comes to you with salvation. The epistle reading contrasts God's goodness with our sin. Prior to the coming of Christ, we were foolish, disobedient, led astray, and enslaved to evil passions. What changed this situation? The mercy and loving kindness of God shown to us when the savior came. Finally, Mary gives us an example in the Gospel reading of how we should respond to the Gospel. When she heard the words of the shepherds, she treasured them in her heart. So we, when we hear the words of the Gospel, treasure them in our hearts, and there they go to work in us for salvation.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** In the mystery of the incarnation, God's power and might have come to us in the form of a vulnerable infant! His holy arm has worked unexpectedly and magnificently by taking on our human flesh in order to save us. For when Christ grew to adulthood, He bared His holy arm in the power of the cross—outstretched for all to see His merciful and unending love.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Pastor Mark Hansen's mother went to her heavenly home Tuesday evening. She had struggled with health issues for over a year. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to deliver Meals on Wheels January 2-January 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help, please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076.

**SECRET PAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Christmas party has been postponed until Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at Pizza Ranch at 6:00 p.m. Secret Pals for 2022 will be revealed and new names will be drawn for 2023. If any ladies would like to join, please join us at Pizza Ranch.

**DAUGHTERS OF PEACE:** The Christmas party has been postponed until January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Please bring an ornament that has special meaning to you. We will share why the ornament is special. Also, please bring a guest if you wish. Karen Olson will have devotions and program.

**JANUARY ALTAR COMMITTEES:** Altar Committee for Peace is Wilma Miller, Robyn Huygens, Kari Huygens and Amber Langholdt. At English it will be Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect canned soups, cream soups, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, microwave popcorn, instant potatoes, Pop Tarts, cereals, tuna Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERS:** **December 25**-Gary Dieren and Dennis Reuvers; **January 1**- Paul Davis and LeRoy Fick; **January 8** – Bob Iwen and Marv Flier

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN: I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Insert*

**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 93:1–2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2*

The people who walked in darkness  
**have seen a great light;**  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
**on them has light shined.**

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
**the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.**

Yes, the world is established;  
**it shall never be moved.**

Your throne is established from of old;  
**you are from everlasting.**

Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
**holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

**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 people who walked in darkness  
**have seen a great light;**  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
**on them has light shined.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** **Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 62:10–12*

**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

*Titus 3:4–7*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*Luke 2:14*

Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:15–20*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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 He 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.

And 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN 379: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

*sts. 1, ref, 2–4*

## 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

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.

## HYMN 387: JOY TO THE WORLD

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