

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Insert 725 740

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Jan. 1 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

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Jan. 3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Jan. 3 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Jan. 4 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Jan. 4 Noon Bible Study

Jan. 4 5:15-6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Jan. 7 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 42:1-9 Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Children of the Heavenly Father*. When you were baptized, you put on Christ. When God looks at you, he sees his Son, he sees Jesus. For that reason, he treats us as his children. God tends and nourishes us. He spares us from evil and bears us through hardship on his mighty arms. Nothing in life, and not even death, will ever sever us from our Lord because of the great love he has for us in Christ.

A WORD: Our sermon today will be primarily on baptism. But in order to understand the significance of baptism, we need to first understand covenants. A covenant was a promise made between two parties that often included a sign. In our Gospel reading, Jesus receives the sign of the Old Covenant, circumcision. In our epistle reading, Paul teaches us about the sign of the New Covenant, baptism. In baptism, we put on Christ and become children of God, heirs of salvation.

GUEST PREACHER JANUARY 22: Pastor and his family will be out of town on January 22 to visit family. Pastor Joe will be leading the services.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: From one year to the next and “from the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!” (Psalm 113:3). There is so much wrapped up in the name Jesus (“the Lord saves”). Where the Lord’s name is, there He is present to save. Praise be to the Lord, who, through His cross, eternally saves—placing the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit upon us in Holy Baptism.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to deliver Meals on Wheels January 2-January 13th. 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 10th. 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 11th 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: **Today, January 1-** Paul Davis and LeRoy Fick; **January 8** – Bob Iwen and Marv Flier; **January 15-**Terry Dieren and Lowell Fick

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN: BORNING CRY

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 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”
Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”

**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.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
C Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 6:22–27

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23–29

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Matthew 1:21

Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- 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,

Luke 2:21

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 725: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

SERMON

OFFERTORY: MAKE ROOM

Reuvers Family

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.

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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 740: I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

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