

Christmas Day

12-25-2022

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day, the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ’s birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of “the salvation of our God.” O come, let us adore!”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 275 – Angels from the Realms of Glory](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 98

Praise the Judge of the World

A Psalm.

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
- ² The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
- ⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
- ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
- ⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 298 – The Bells of Christmas](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 52:7-10](#)

2nd Reading: [Hebrews 1:1-12](#)

Response: [ELW 270 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing](#)

The Gospel: [John 1:1-14](#)

Hymn: [ELW 288 – Good Christian Friends Rejoice](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The ELCA World Hunger Campaign is underway, and you may choose to give an additional offering to the World Hunger Campaign and add an angel to our Angel Tree.

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially the Pam Ash, Bob and Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 290 – Go Tell It on the Mountain](#)

Announcements

- Christmas Nativity Village is Open to the Public, Sundays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Please contribute to the World Hunger Campaign to add angels to our Angel Tree
- Next Sunday, 1/1/2023 will be Pastor Joe's last Sunday as our Interim Pastor. Please join us for the service and during coffee hour afterwards to thank him and Carol for their service and sharing their gifts with us.
- Sunday, 1/8/2023 will be Pastor Greg Fetzer's first Sunday as Epiphany's new Pastor

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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291