

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

at Epiphany Lutheran Church

EpiphanyLutheranColumbia.org

Greg Fetzer, Pastor

J.V. Trautwein, Pastor Emeritus

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

GATHERING SONG [ELW#289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"](#)

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

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

L A reading from Isaiah: ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST CAROL [ELW#290 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"](#)

SECOND LESSON Psalm 98

L ¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C ²**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C ⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L ⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

L ⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND CAROL [ELW#275 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"](#)

THIRD LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4

L A reading from Hebrews: ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD CAROL [ELW#288 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"](#)

FOURTH LESSON John 1:1-14

L A reading from John: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

FOURTH CAROL [ELW#270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"](#)

Please stand, as you are able.

L Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.

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SERMON: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#) - Mrs. Monica Fetzer

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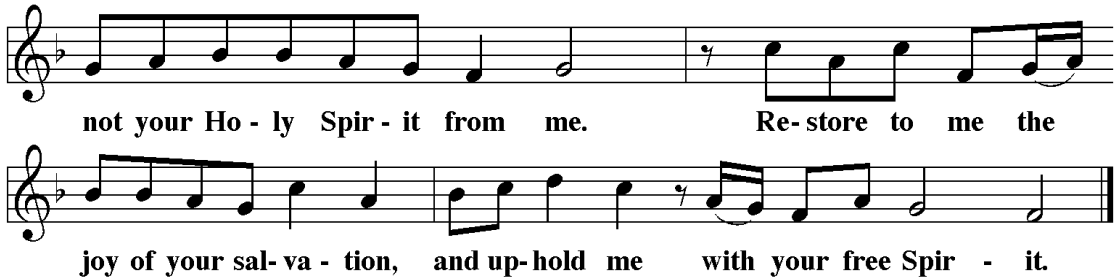
Please be seated.

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

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.
Please stand, as you are able.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

- L Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

- L For those who teach and those who learn, we pray. Bless the education ministries of your church. Guide Sunday school teachers, college and seminary professors, and Bible study leaders in our ongoing faith formation and curiosity. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- L For the thriving of creation, we pray. Protect the habitats of pangolins and porcupines, penguins and parrots, and all wild animals and creeping things. Increase our knowledge of the natural world and the care of its inhabitants. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- L For the nations of the world, we pray. Raise up rulers who lead with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Let your peace rule in their hearts and in all lands. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
- L For the well-being of your people, we pray. Keep watch over all who travel this holiday season. Accompany those who are alone or ill, especially Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Lydia Hendersen, Mark Hughes, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Console parents and children whose relationships are strained or severed. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

L For your holy, beloved, and chosen ones of every time and place, we give thanks.
Draw us all into everlasting praise and joy. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

L We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all,
through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**C 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**

L 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

CLOSING HYMN: [ELW#272 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”](#)

L Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.
C Thanks be to God.

Calendar

- Sundays – 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Fontanini Nativity Village is open
- Saturday, Jan 11, 2025 – 10:00am – Taking down the greens
- Saturday, Jan 18, 2025 – 7:00pm – Game Night
- Sunday, Feb 2, 2025 – 1:00pm – Lady Terps Basketball

Upcoming Worship

Date	Liturgical Day	Preaching Texts	Worship Leader
January 5	2 Christmas	Luke 2:41-52	Heidi and Bob
January 12	1 Epiphany	Luke 3:1-22	Julie and Dave
January 19	2 Epiphany	Luke 4:14-30	Ron
January 26	3 Epiphany	Luke 5:1-11	Monica
February 2	4 Epiphany	Luke 6:1-16	Heidi and Bob
February 9	5 Epiphany	Luke 7:1-17	Julie and Dave
February 16	6 Epiphany	Luke 7:18-35	Ron
February 23	7 Epiphany	Luke 7:36-50	Monica
March 2	Transfiguration	Luke 9:28-45	Heidi and Bob
March 5	Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62	Pastor Greg
March 9	1 Lent	Luke 10:25-42	Julie and Dave
March 16	2 Lent	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Ron
March 23	3 Lent	Luke 15:1-32	Monica
March 30	4 Lent	Luke 16:19-31	Pastor Greg
April 6	5 Lent	Luke 18:31-19:10	Heidi and Bob
April 13	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:29-44	Julie and Dave

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offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291

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