



Welcome to worship!

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:

Lectors: Ariana Talbert

Greeters: Claire Gnotke & Family

Acolyte: Addy Meyer

Communion Assistants: Macie Carlson & Ariana Talbert

Ushers: Parker Atkinson & Paige Luhman

Altar: Liz Enger & Kathie Majerus

Sound/Video: Heath Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto

Sounds Visual Student Assistant: Savannah Klein

Coffee:

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements

There is no Power Point with screen assistance today. Please refer to your hymnal as noted throughout the bulletin.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Reconciling God ,

C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Bells of Christmas

#298 vs 1-4

Greeting

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270 v1

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Kary

Hymn of the Day

Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning ACS#1060

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

Peace

Offering / Offertory

Offering Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

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MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Communion

All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table.

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

#487

SENDING

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

Love Has Come

#292

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude