



Welcome to worship!

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

Lectors: Nolan Kohrs

Greeters: Addie Thieren & Family

Acolyte: Maggie Thieren

Communion Assistants: Alexis McCoy & Ariana Talbert

Ushers: Lily & Marie Miller

Altar: Marcia Holst & Kathie Majerus

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

Sounds Visual Student Assistant: Claire Gnotke

Coffee:

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸ The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

What Child is This

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Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Hymn of the Day

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

Peace

Offering / Offertory

Offering Response

What Child is This

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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

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Communion

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

Communion Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Holy Child within the Manger

(to the tune of *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory* from Holden Evening Prayer)

SENDING

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

Jesus, the Light of the World

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude