

Second Sunday of Christmas/Eve of Epiphany

January 5, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,
that the nations may see the light of Christ;

for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,
that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
that the Christ would save us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

PROCESSIONAL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW 267

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In this holy season, we remember the great gift of God's love, revealed in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and given to us in the waters of baptism. In baptism, we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Through baptism, God calls us into one holy family, lighting the way of salvation and life.

Thanks be to God!

Rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, we give thanks for the waters of baptism that make us partakers of Christ's life. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the new birth we have received in him.

Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us the light of salvation through our Savior.

We remember how Jesus himself was baptized by John in the Jordan River, setting an example for us, and how in baptism, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, marked with the cross of Christ forever.

With joy, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, where God calls us by name, claims us as God's own, and pours out God's grace upon us.

As we gather this morning to celebrate Christ's birth, we are reminded that we too are born anew in the waters of baptism. May the grace of this holy sacrament continue to strengthen us in our faith and in our mission together, as we grow into the likeness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

Shine in us, O Lord, that we may share your light with the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

ELW 288, Verse 3

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

A reading from Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE*Psalm 147:12-20*

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion,

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

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

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

God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

God scatters hail like bread crumbs.

Who can stand against God's cold?

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

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING*Ephesians 1:3-14*

A reading from Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

ELW 291, Verse 4

GOSPEL READING*John 1:[1-9] 10-18*

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

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

And 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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SERMON*Rev. Phillip Potaczek***HYMN OF THE DAY***"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**ELW 270*

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe
in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, bathe us always in the light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Vocal trio accompanied by Paul Youngstrum

OFFERING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The
trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may
join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“What Child is This”

ELW 296

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

“Light Shines in the Darkness”

Dakota Road

Chorus:

Oh the light shines in the darkness
and the light will not be overcome
In this world broken and scattered
the light will not be overcome

As our lives are turning
and our hearts are yearning
through the days of hurting
deep in the night
still the flame burns bright (Chorus)

Tears throughout creation
torn apart relations
wounds across the nations
hope may seem gone
but the flame burns on (Chorus)

SENDING

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**
Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Noel”

Chris Tomlin

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Elle*
Ushers: *Jan Beckman*
Lector: *Justin Reed*
Communion Assistants: *Kevin Evensen*

Altar Guild: *Sally Mathis and Jan Beckman*
Video Tech:
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Reagan*
Ushers: *Jan Beckman*
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*
Communion Assistants: *Shannon Matteson*
Mike Matteson
Ann Enke
Altar Guild: *Ann Enke and Jan Beckman*
Video Tech:
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

