

**For the law
was given by
Moses, but grace
and truth came by
Jesus Christ.**

John 1:17

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt] (portions)

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Prelude

Jays & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C. **Amen**

P. In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Holy God,

C. **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P. I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

P. Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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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."

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which 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 which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God**

P. The holy gospel according to Saint John, chapter one.



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.



P. The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

"WORD Equals Grace and Truth"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Sermon Hymn

Cold December Flies Away

ELW 299

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 worshipped 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

A. Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

P. Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem *Once in Royal David's City* **Choir**

Offertory *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* **ELW 286**

Offertory Prayer

A. Gracious God,

C. your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

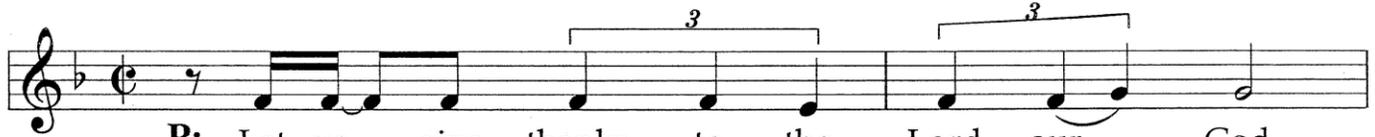
The Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you. C: And al- so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

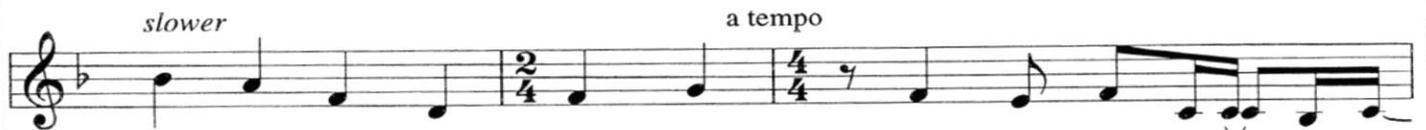
Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might: heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless-ed is the one



who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est

Eucharistic Prayer



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

The Holy Communion

P. In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

C. Amen

Hymn

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

ELW 284

Communion Hymns

Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW 295

The Bells of Christmas ELW 298

By Gracious Powers [Alternate Tune] ELW 626

Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C. Amen

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

Post Communion Prayer

A. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

Benedictus

Leader
The Lord bless you and keep you.

Congregation
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to

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you. The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and

and be gra-cious to you. The

give you peace. A - men.

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Sending Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt



Servers for Sunday, January 2nd

Assisting Minister.....
ReaderAlecia Harrison
Altar GuildSylvia Lambert
AcolyteAntonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



January Events

Jan 2	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday of Christmas
Jan 5	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 7	7:00 pm	Men's Group Meeting Women's Group Meet 'n Eat
Jan 9	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service – Baptism of Our Lord Council Meeting after Worship
Jan 12	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 16	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Parish Committee
Jan 19	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 20	6:30 pm	Social Concerns Meeting
Jan 21	7:00 pm	Inspirational Book Club
Jan 23	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Discussion Group in the Library Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany
	11:30 am	 <p>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>
Jan 24	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Jan 26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 30	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service – 4 th Sunday after Epiphany
Feb 5	10 am – 1 pm	Leadership Retreat



May you
shine
with the
light of
Christ
this
New Year!

Here's wishing this is
the year all our dreams
come true!