



First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021

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

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

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

Let All Together Praise Our God

ELW 287

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. **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Back of Bulletin

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God**



P. The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

"Increase in Wisdom, Years, and Favor"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Christmas Hymns by Request – 1st and last verses

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 come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. 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 Lully, Lullay 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

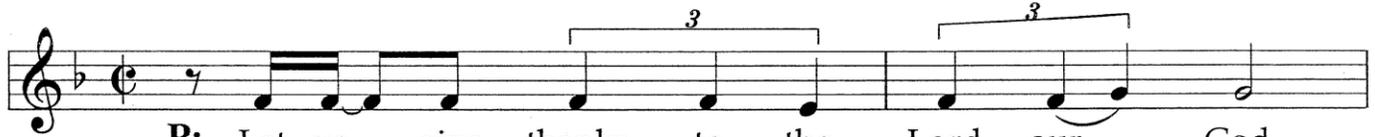
The Great Thanksgiving



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...

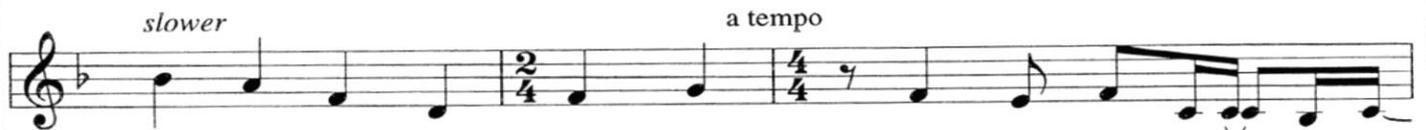
Sanctus



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

<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	ELW 276
<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	ELW 275
<i>What Child Is This</i>	ELW 296

Post Communion Blessing and Cantic

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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Dismissal

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

C. Thanks be to God.

Servers for Sunday, December 26th

Assisting Minister.....Sylvia Lambert
 ReaderSylvia Lambert
 Altar Guild Ginny King
 Acolyte Antonio 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.



*In
 Loving
 Memory*

Candles this month provided by Alice Austin in loving memory of Jack Austin, who was born on Christmas Day in 1944.

Flowers this week are given by Don & Edie Craig in celebration of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.



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 2022 is
the year all our dreams
come true!