

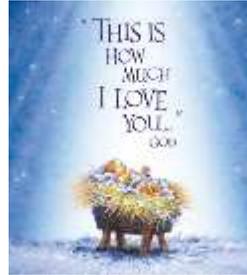
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, E.L.C.A.

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The 1st Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*



WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know, and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN ELW No. . 297 "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" (2x)**

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild; new life, new hope the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

P: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and celebra-tion,
all of cre-a-tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u-
nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of
God.

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and
might, all hon-or and glo-ry to Christ
for ev-er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo-ple of God; to make
all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restore it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

FIRST READING from Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens praise God¹ in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels; sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon; sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav-¹en of heavens, and you waters a-¹bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD, who commanded, and they¹ were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev-¹er and ever, giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth, you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do-¹ing God's will;**

⁹mountains¹ and all hills, fruit trees¹ and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts¹ and all cattle, creeping things and¹ flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples, princes and all rulers¹ of the world;

¹²**young¹ men and maidens, old and¹ young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all¹ faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING from Galatians 4: 4-7

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord To Whom Shall We Go"

Congregation:
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL READING from Luke 2: 22-40

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 296 “What Child Is This?”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE APOSTLES’ CREED -

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

*** SENDING HYMN ELW NO. 537 “On Our Way Rejoicing”**

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without our safety; Christ within our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful heart we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore on our way rejoicing now and evermore. R

DISMISSAL

P: Go, serve the Lord, and Share the gift of Jesus! C: **Thanks be to God!**

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD