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### Christmas Day — December 25, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Ringing of the Bell

#### PRELUDE

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.  
Gracious God,

C **in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

P I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

C Amen

**HYMN LBW # 45** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

#### 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

P All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,

you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to | judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and  
ever,

and the righteous scepter is the  
scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and  
hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed  
you

with the oil of gladness beyond your  
companions."

<sup>10</sup>And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded  
the earth,

and the heavens are the work of  
your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

<sup>12</sup>like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be

changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end."]

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \* GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 (please stand as you are able)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 40 *What Child Is This*

## SERMON

HYMN LBW # 39 *Joy to the World (you may remain seated)*

## NICENE CREED (please stand as you are able)

**C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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**

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** 🎵 *(you may remain seated)* (tune: It Came upon a Midnight Clear)

As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock and field  
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
So we today first-fruits would bring, The wealth of this good land,  
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us To labor, love and give;  
To make our life an offering to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us To make the dream come true:

A world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

**THE PRAYERS** *(you may remain seated)*

A Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy God, you raise up leaders throughout the church to proclaim your word of hope. Unite the church through the good news of salvation, so that all will know and experience your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you created mountains and hills, seas and rivers, and all creatures. Reveal to us the goodness of all you have made so that we live wisely with these your gifts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in positions of authority to lead with equity, and give courage to advocates who speak for the voiceless. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you gather us together in community, blessing us with friends and family. Make yourself known to all who participate in worship today, and send us forth to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you show your love and faithfulness in every generation. Through the witness of our ancestors in the faith, you have shown us how to testify to your grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Holy God, you sent your Son to be our physician and remedy. Strengthen medical professionals and counselors to care for the sick and grieving (*especially*), so that all people experience healing and consolation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\* **LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**POST-COMMUNION** 🎵

The first Noel the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the king of Israel.



### **Annual Reports**

Boards are reminded to have their end-of-the-year reports in to the church office by December 31.

### **Soliciting all extra love (and Christmas Cards)!**

As most of you know, my cousin Marcus joined the Peace Corps last year and is spending two years in Thailand. This is his first Christmas so far away from home which is not so easy for him or for his family. As such, I am soliciting any extra Christmas wishes from his church family in the form of Christmas cards (or notes!). There is a container at each door for cards to be put in to (or they can be dropped at the church office!). I will gather them all together and send them as one Christmas package. We'll be collecting through the holiday season, so he may not get them until after Christmas, but he will get them with all the love they are sent with. So as you write your Christmas cards up this year (if you feel so moved), please include one for Marcus and bring it to the church. The love of Christ can be spread an extra 8,500 miles this season! Thank you!! -Holly Mohring



“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.”

*Did you know...*

Before he became a friar, Luther was well on his way to becoming a lawyer. He had earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in the shortest time possible.

