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LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship WOV-With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF WELCA OFFICERS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

C we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.

P Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 62 *The Bells of Christmas*

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 O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he

became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹from the heavens; praise God ¹in the heights.

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

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

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name ^l of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they ^l were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not ^l pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD ^l from the earth,
 you sea monsters ^l and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, ^l snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹mountains ^l and all hills,
 fruit trees ^l and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts ^l and all cattle,
 creeping things and ^l flying birds;**
¹¹sovereigns of the earth ^l and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers ^l of the world;
¹²**young ^l men and maidens,
 old and ^l young together.**
¹³Let them praise the name ^l of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ^l earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people
 and praise for all ^l faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. ^l Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom
 and through whom all things exist, in
 bringing many children to glory,
 should make the pioneer of their
 salvation perfect through sufferings.
¹¹For the one who sanctifies and
 those who are sanctified all have one
 Father. For this reason Jesus is not
 ashamed to call them brothers and
 sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your
 name to my brothers and sisters, in
 the midst of the congregation I will

praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put
 my trust in him." And again, "Here
 am I and the children whom God has
 given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the
 children share flesh and blood, he
 himself likewise shared the same
 things, so that through death he
 might destroy the one who has the
 power of death, that is, the devil,
¹⁵and free those who all their lives
 were held in slavery by the fear of
 death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not

come to help angels, but the
 descendants of Abraham.
¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his
 brothers and sisters in every respect,
 so that he might be a merciful and
 faithful high priest in the service of
 God, to make a sacrifice of

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please stand as you are able)*
 Glory be unto the Lord, as we listen to his word,
 In that word we see our King, and to him we now will sing;
 "G-I-o-r-i-a, in excelsis Deo. G-I-o-r-i-a, in excelsis Deo.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23**
¹³Now after [the wise men] had left,
 an angel of the Lord appeared to
 Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up,
 take the child and his mother, and
 flee to Egypt, and remain there until I
 tell you; for Herod is about to search
 for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then
 Joseph got up, took the child and his
 mother by night, and went to Egypt,
¹⁵and remained there until the death
 of Herod. This was to fulfill what had
 been spoken by the Lord through the
 prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called
 my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he
 had been tricked by the wise men, he
 was infuriated, and he sent and killed
 all the children in and around
 Bethlehem who were two years old
 or under, according to the time that
 he had learned from the wise men.

atonement for the sins of the people.
¹⁸Because he himself was tested by
 what he suffered, he is able to help
 those who are being tested.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been
 spoken through the prophet
 Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in
 Ramah, wailing and loud
 lamentation, Rachel weeping for her
 children; she refused to be consoled,
 because they are no more." ¹⁹When
 Herod died, an angel of the Lord
 suddenly appeared in a dream to
 Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up,
 take the child and his mother, and go
 to the land of Israel, for those who
 were seeking the child's life are
 dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the
 child and his mother, and went to the
 land of Israel. ²²But when he heard
 that Archelaus was ruling over Judea
 in place of his father Herod, he was
 afraid to go there. And after being
 warned in a dream, he went away to

the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a

Nazorean."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 50 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

SERMON

HYMN WOV # 646 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (you may remain seated)

* **APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you are able)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In gratitude and humble trust We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love With all along life's way.
O God, who gave your-self to us In Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give our-selves each day Until life's work is done.

THE PRAYERS

 (you may remain seated)

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Praise to you, Creator of all, for you have created a rich diversity of nature and creatures: sun, moon, stars, mountains and all hills, oceans and rivers. Sustain all that you made and keep us faithful in our care for creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way. Give patience and compassion to those who provide care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Nurturing God, you care for your children in any danger. Grant courage to our congregation, that we are present with children who need our love and protection, with parents who grieve the loss of children, and with those who seek safety from hurtful situations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Light of life, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence (especially). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** 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

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW # 70 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Steve & Phyllis Kloos in honor of their wedding anniversary.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Donna Meyers, Bob Ivancso, Laura Moser, Stephanie Nelson, Emma Rowland, William Moden, Ronnie Rohrs, Lori Burch, Andrea Van Gilder, Karl Yunker, Sean Slee. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Steve & Phyllis Kloos, John & Donna Norden. **and for all the military...**

Devotionals

Portals of Prayer and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

End of year Reports — NOW DUE!!!! Thank you!

2020 Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes? They are located in the hallway outside the church office.

Statistics

12/22 (145); 12/24 5 p.m. (152) communed (126) 10:30 p.m. (124) communed (101) 12/25 (37) communed (34)

12/15 - Offerings: \$3609 (\$210 Bldg Fd; \$15 Endow Fd; \$50 Soul Food)

12/22 - Offerings: \$4007 (\$200 Bldg Fd; \$11 Sun Sch; \$400 Good Sam; \$20 Soul Food) 12/24-25 - Offerings: \$4625

Simply Giving 12/23 \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

This Week

Wednesday Office Closed

NO Soul Food

Thursday **NO** Bible Study

Serving Today

Officiating - Matthew Van Gilder

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Guest Organist - Pat Mohring

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis-Kruse

Sound Board -

Acolytes - Ava Good & Taryn Kolodziejczyk

Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Ronnie Rohrs, Lenny & Lana Sonnenberg

Altar Guild - Phyllis Kloos & Laura Ellis-Kruse

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or

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Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!