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*"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"*

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

**"Song of Simeon"**  
Lloyd Larson

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

### **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christe eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **GLORIA**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the promise, the blessing, the  
birth. Ours the rejoicing for Word given  
frame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy  
name. Ours be the telling of deeds greatly  
done; yours be the glory,  
O God, yours alone.**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.  
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**READER: Sherrie Manulak**

#### **FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 63:7-9

#### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

(Read Responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,
- <sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and  
ever, giving them a law that shall not  
pass away.**
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- <sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle,**

creeping things and flying birds;  
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> young men and maidens,  
old and young together.  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose  
splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for  
the people and praise for all faithful  
servants, the children of Israel, a  
people who are near the LORD.  
Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 2:10-18

## **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 2:13-23

## **SERMON**

## **ANTHEM**

“Christmas Day”

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign  
that is marked at baptism, as the presiding  
minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.  
We confess that we have not always  
prepared**

**room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your  
message of peace.  
We cry out, weary with the burden of  
violence,  
oppression, and fear.  
We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good  
news.**

**Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of  
your salvation.**

**Amen.**

God’s grace upon grace flows over you.

✙ Christ’s presence redeems the whole  
creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice  
and be glad!

**Amen.**

## **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  
worshiped 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**

**RESPONSE: *YOUR MERCY IS GREAT***

## **PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

## **COMMUNION NARRATIVE**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **“What Child is This/ What Feast of Love”**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet 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!

What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,

what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

### **“Mary Did You Know”**

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new  
This Child that you delivered  
Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would give sight to the blind man  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with His hand  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God  
Oh Mary did you know

Ooh Mary did you know ooh ooh

The blind will see  
The deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap  
The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb

Oh Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation  
Mary did you know

That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb  
And the sleeping Child you're holding  
Is the great I Am  
Oh Mary oh

### **COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

#### **BLESSING**

The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and  
joy. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

#### **“Go Tell it on the Mountain”**

*Chorus*

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light *Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth *Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn *Chorus*

#### **DISMISSAL/ POSTLUDE**