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**December 26,
2021**

**First Sunday
Of Christmas**

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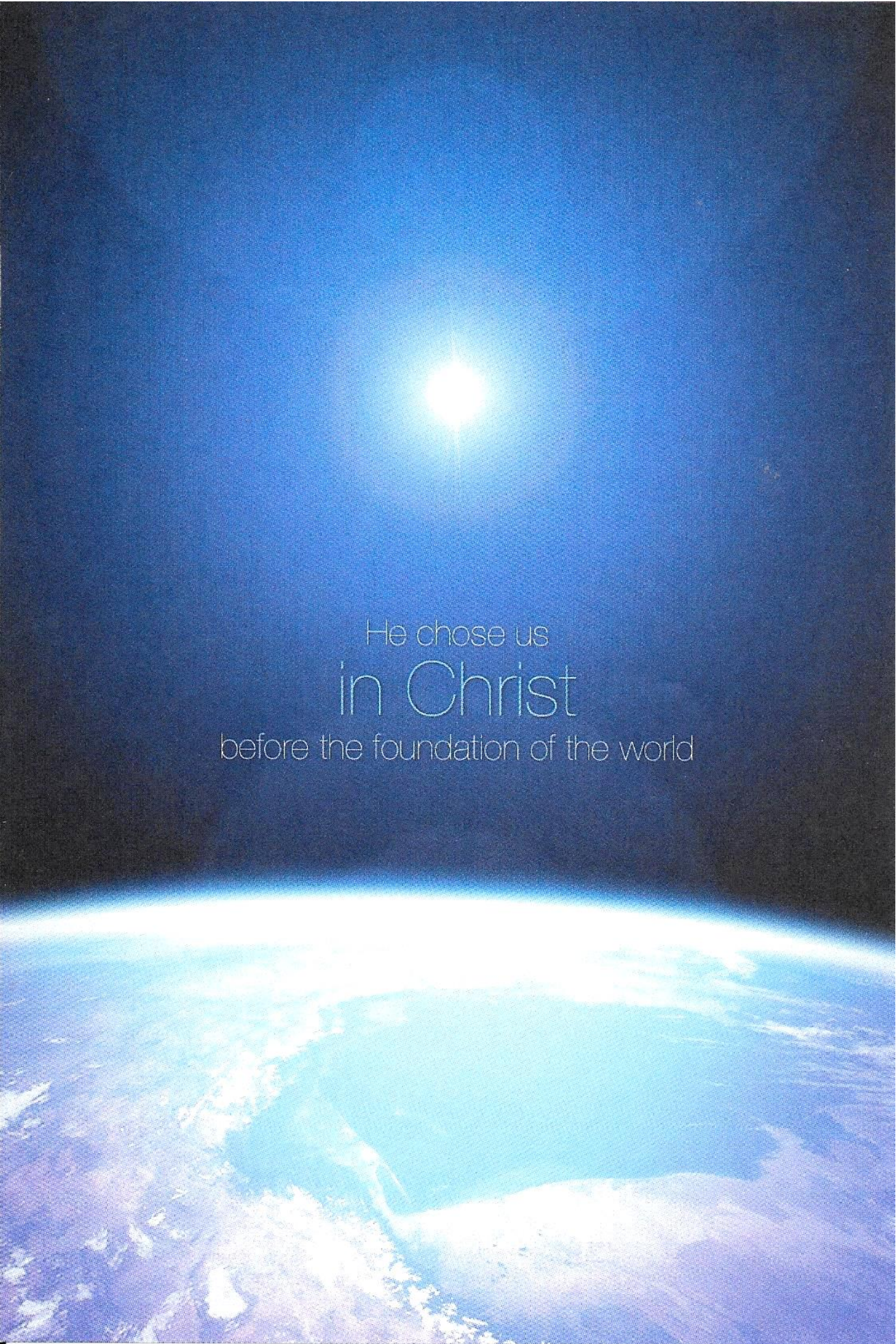
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He chose us
in Christ
before the foundation of the world

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, December 26, 2021



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP!

We gather on this First Sunday after Christmas Day with continuing joy to praise Almighty God for our Savior's birth. Quiet warmth and calm characterizes today's worship as we celebrate the season with carols. We are reminded that each of us is given the assurance of God's everlasting promises which we share with the whole church triumphant!

Everyone is invited to fellowship, and refreshments being served immediately after our service in the library. Rest assured, your presence today is a blessing to all who are gathered here today, and likewise, may you be blessed by the worship we share. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GATHERING

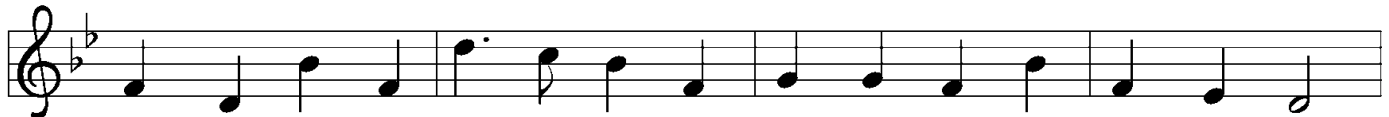
WE PREPARE: *On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior.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

PRELUDE / BELL

GATHERING SONG

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 148*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.*

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

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

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

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

Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

who made them stand fast forever and ever,

giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted,

whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

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!

SONG*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***ELW #270**

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



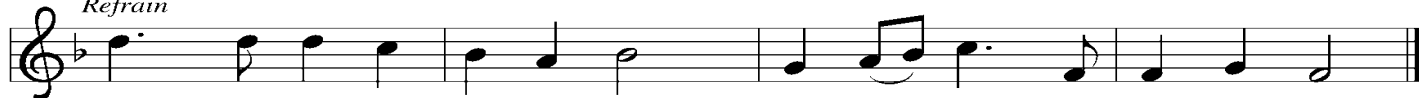
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**



WORD & SONG

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26.

The first reading is in 1 Samuel chapter 2, verses 18–20, 26.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

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

SONG

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW #282 (vs. 1, 4)

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

The second reading is in Colossians chapter 3, verses 12–17.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

SONG

What Child is This

ELW #718



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

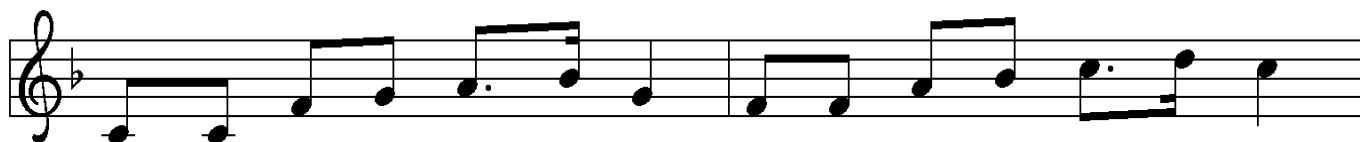
Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;
 2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest-tossed,
 3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;
 giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.
 See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and 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**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

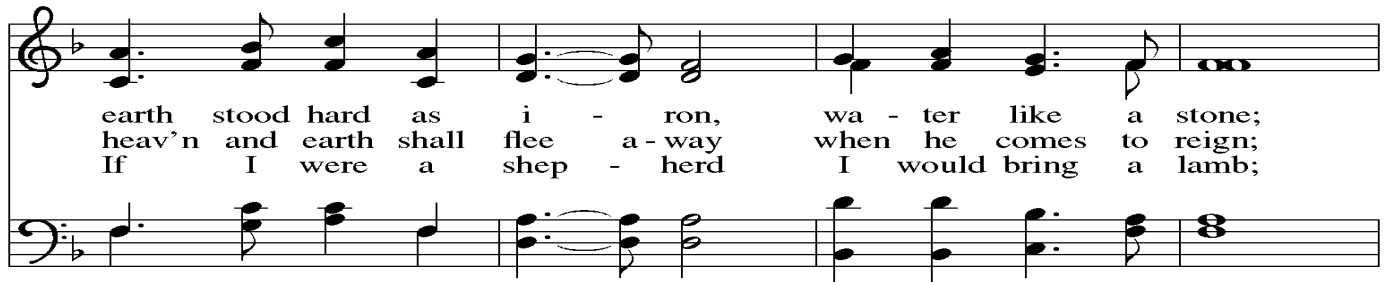
SONG

In the Bleak Midwinter


ELW #294



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow, snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed,
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte)

PRAYERS

LORD'S 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. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaimed to you: That God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not live according to the truth.**

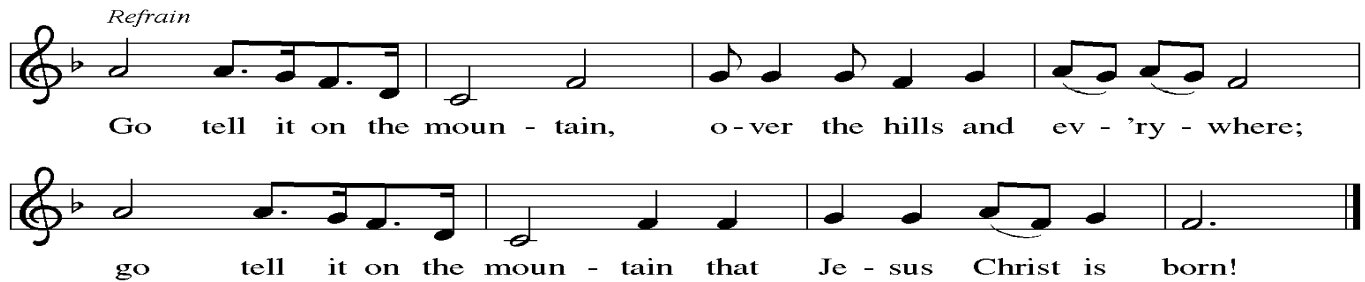
But if we walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

SENDING SONG


Go Tell it on the Mountain

ELW #290


Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth,
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.



Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Kade Nachreiner
Reader	Larry Baumgardt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner Mary Hillmer
Ushers	Eric & Lee Wahlborg

**There will be NO Sunday School Today. Classes resume Jan. 9th at 10:10.
See you then!**

The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to assemble Meals That Matter last Sunday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for anyone to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event - illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc...Be the hands of Jesus!



Thank you to those families that filled a Holiday Box for our weekend food program. The families were so appreciative! The boxes included food and a gift certificate for meat and produce at the grocery store. The FFA provided a Christmas ornament and personal care products. This year we also were able to provide a game and a book for each family. We received \$250 from Thrivent for this activity. Thank you for your help in being the hands of Jesus!

WE ARE SELLING COFFEE AT A REDUCED PRICE AS MARKED. The coffee is packaged in vacuum sealed bags, so even if it is past the expiration date it still is good. Because we never have sold the coffee for much of a mark-up, all the prices are less than we paid for the coffee. Everyone who buys the coffee will be getting the coffee for less than we paid for it.



JOIN OUR TEAM

— CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR —

10 hours a week/competitive salary/flexible hours

Trinity Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye is seeking a person who is called to impact lives as our Christian Education Director by partnering with families and their children as they seek to fulfill baptismal promises. The work of this position is accomplished by coordinating the recruitment and training of lay leadership, teachers and other volunteers. The Christian Education Director will work with, be guided by, and be accountable to the Christian Education

Board to provide engaging, faith-nurturing opportunities.

Core Responsibilities Include:

Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Confirmation

For full job description and more information, email:

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Blood Drive Sleepy Eye Event Center

110 12th Ave NE
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**Tuesday, January 4, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

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All we enjoy is God's gift to us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Luke 2:41-52	
Monday	John 21:19b-24	
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-7	
Wednesday	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord is doing a new thing
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	For everything a season
Friday	James 4:13-15	If it is the Lord's will
Saturday	Psalm 39:4-7	My hope is in you
Sunday	John 1:10-18	The Word became a human being

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God's gift to us is the happiness we get from our food and drink and from the work we do. Ecclesiastes 3:13

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, give us thankful hearts and joyful hope as we begin this new year. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, for a year of many meals we give you praise; in the year to come please bless our days. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you and keep you in the year ahead. May he guide you in every season and every activity. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What were some of your "highs" from 2014? What were some of your "lows?"
- How did you experience God's love and care in the past year?
- What are some of your hopes and prayers for 2015?

DEVOTIONS

Set out 15 tea candles. Light all but one. Ask each household member, in turn, to complete this sentence: *"Thinking back on 2014, I thank God for _____."* After each has shared, extinguish one candle. Continue until all the lit candles have been extinguished. Then light the last candle and say this prayer together:

Lord God, thank you for all the ways you blessed us in 2014. Please fill our hearts and our homes with happiness in the year to come. Amen.

SERVICE

Choose a particular cause or a charity to support as a household in the coming year. Discuss ways in which you can set aside or raise money to support the cause. Develop a plan of action to do so.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Gather items (e.g. award ribbons, vacation brochures, photos) from around your home that carry memories of the past year. Then have each household member write a "letter to God" about their lives over the past year or draw a picture representing the year. Place the letters, pictures and other items into a decorated shoe box, write the year number (2014) on the outside, and seal the box tight with tape. Agree together on how long it will be (e.g. 1, 5 or even 10 years) before the box is opened again. Then put the box away until it is time for its reopening. Pray the following blessing upon the box before putting it away:

Lord God, bless this box filled with good memories of 2014. May these memories inspire hope for a blessed 2015. Amen.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions





Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is

*Lord: our mission is to invite,
welcome, nurture, and equip all
people to be disciples in His name.*

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
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"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving:	\$20,672.50
December Giving	\$35,108.05
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$275,839.89

We are \$30,000.00 below 2021 expenses.

Your help is needed.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Judy, Beth, Norman, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Linette, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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