

Second Sunday of Christmas



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Guest Leader Nicole Wananda 9:30AM • January 2, 2022

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting (*please stand as you are able*)

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Confession and Forgiveness:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

L. In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: “*We Three Kings*” vs. 1-3 WOV #646

**Verse 1: We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.**

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night! Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Verse 2: Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain. Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. (Refrain)**

**Verse 3: Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, Worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day: L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading - John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and

only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

L: This is the Word of our Lord,

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: *Nicole Wananda*

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Hymn of the Day: *"The Friendly Beasts"*

Vs 1: Jesus, our brother, strong and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around Him stood, Jesus, our brother, strong and good.

Vs 2: "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried His mother uphill and down,
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town; I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

Vs 3: "I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave Him my manger for his bed,
I gave Him hay to pillow His head; I," said the cow, all white and red.

Vs 4: "I," said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm,
He wore my coat on Christmas morn; I," said the sheep with curly horn.

Vs 5: "I," said the dove, from the rafters high, "I cooed Him to sleep that he should not cry,
we cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I; I," said the dove, from the rafters high.

Vs 6: Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
in the stable dark were glad to tell of the gifts they gave Emmanuel, the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Apostles' 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need especially: Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Ross Schrimpf, Judy Carpenter, Blake Carlson, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese, and the family of Josh Budensiek. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Sending: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* #276

Vs 1: Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Vs 2: Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Dismissal: L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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