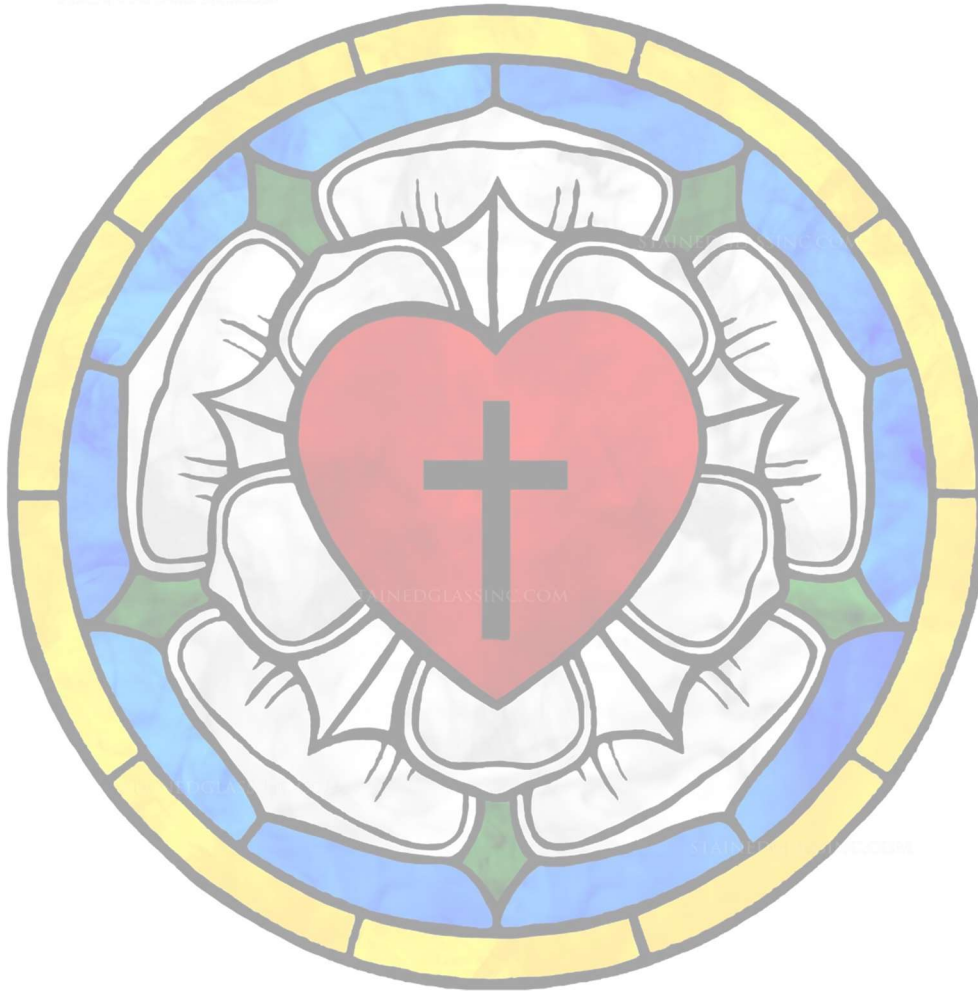


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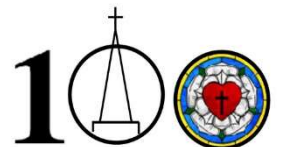
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GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Hymn Prelude on "Stuttgart" (Eastern Sages to His Cradle)

Winfred Douglas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 300

The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



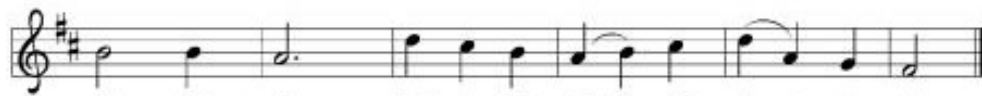
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep,
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin. Our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

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.

GLORY TO GOD: S167 (Setting 6)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☒ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☒ Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☒ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

☒ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, a - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

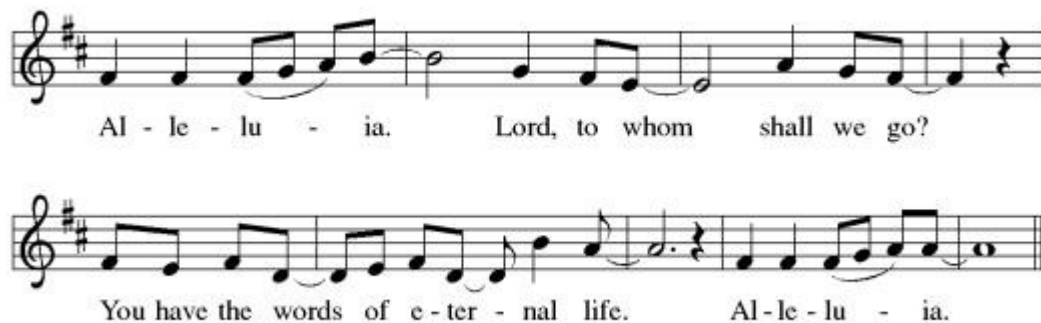
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION: S171a



GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 4-11

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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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, 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes "Hear us, O God." We respond: **Your mercy is great.***

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY:

Let Rain Come Down Today

Thurlow Weed

1. Let rain come down to - day, a rain to bathe the soul; a -
 2. Let streams run strong to - day, to car - ry, fresh and clear the
 3. Let us go down to - day like Je - sus did be - fore to

5
 cross our wide, dry skies, let great, dark rain clouds roll.
 an - cient, flu - id voice that draws a pil - grim near.
 find and to pass through the wa - ter's o - pen door.

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Epiphany 1B
 The Baptism of Jesus
 Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord. (Psalm 98:7-8)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Romans 6:3-5)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
 for you created the waters of the earth:
 wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE 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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen all'zugleich

Andreas Nicolaus Vetter
 (1666-1734)



Worship Note

Did you know our faithful quilters designed and stitched the quilts lining the pews of our sanctuary? For years, they have met weekly to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, a ministry sponsored by the ELCA.

Right now, the quilters cannot meet during the pandemic, but the quilts are serving to help with the acoustics in the sanctuary as we continue to work with our new sound system. When that is resolved, all of these quilts will be dedicated and then shipped to LWR and sent to people in need around the world. Quilts serve as bedding, as tents, as floor coverings and in many other ways. We thank our faithful quilters!



Announcements

Our office is closed except by appointment due to the massive rise in case numbers in our county. You can email or call us, and our mailbox is a safe place to drop things off.

Faith Formation will be having an interest meeting via Zoom on Sunday, January 17th at 12:30 via Zoom. A link will be emailed to you.

Self-directed Worship is suspended but will be revamped to an online offering.

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

Do you know any former members of Incarnations' email addresses? We would love to send them an invite to the 100th anniversary!

Prayer List

Current: Sarah Sutton, Mady Smith, Grace Garber, Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Ivey Smith, Diane Smith, Sam Hall, The Norton Family, The Family of Mary Thompson, The Family of Carrie Brown, The Family of Debbie Campbell, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Linda Blazek, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Judy Moody, and Jenny Gantt.

Military: Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

Online Giving!

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	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$14,061	\$4,808	\$9,253+
December	\$21,950	\$19,232	\$2,718+
2020 Final	\$206,991	\$250,000	\$43,009-


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COFFEE WITH JESUS

The Ones With Wisdom






I sometimes feel like I need a Doctorate in Theology to understand this faith, Jesus.




Plenty of degreed people don't understand a lot of this faith, Kevin. And many others with no formal schooling have a whole lot of wisdom.



Riddles, Jesus! C'mon!

How do I get to be one of the ones with wisdom?



It's simple, really. You get yourself an education, Kevin.

From the Teacher.

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MUSIC NOTES

This morning's opening voluntary was composed by American composer Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) and is based upon the 17th century hymn tune *Stuttgart*. In the ELW Hymnal, the tune is associated with #455 "Crashing Waters at Creation." In other Protestant denominations the tune is also married to Advent and Epiphany texts. Douglas, who was not only a musician but was also a Priest, clearly crafted this organ prelude based upon the Epiphany hymn "Earth has many a noble city" with the third verse giving reference to the special visitation: "Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare; see them give in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh." For more information about this composer, please find a detailed history here:

https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/the_living_church/TLCarticle.pl?volume=219&issue=3&article_id=2

The text of the offertory hymn, "Let rain come down today" was written by North Carolinian, Rev. Michael Hudson. The poetry beautifully speaks of the cleansing waters of baptism and is fitting for the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

The concluding voluntary is a chorale prelude on the German tune *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*. A popular tune in the ELW Hymnal, it appears four times as numbers 287, 304, 441, and 604. The tune was originally penned by Nikolaus Herman (1480-1561) and became a popular vehicle for German organists to fashion chorale-based organ preludes. The setting heard today was composed by Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734), a pupil of the famous Johann Pachelbel in Erfurt. Later in his life, Vetter served as castle organist in Rudlostadt. Tragically, during the bombings that took place during World War II, many of his compositions were destroyed. Very few of his known compositions survive to this day.

-Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Music Director

