

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 29 and 30, 2019

Welcome to Worship! So soon after Christmas and terrible accounts of murder and deceit arise from the Christ's birth. How to squelch the weeping? How to move on? Again, the answer is found in the One who was called back from Egypt.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well.

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Sunday School Classes and Adult Bible Classes will resume January 12.

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: 9:00 – “What Child is This”

11:15 and 7:00 – “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” – F.W. Marpurg

THE HYMN: “What Child is This”

Hymn 370

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION: Page 18

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together) O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 63:7-14 (Page 622)

C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of

his steadfast love. For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7 (page 974)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

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THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2: 13-23 (Page 808)

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, 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.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod,

he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

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THE HYMN: “Let All Together Praise Our God” **Hymn 389**

THE SERMON: “Weeping and Calling”

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: 9:00 – “Away in a Manger”

11:15 and 7:00 - “Let All Together Praise Our God” – Dietrich Buxtehude

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00/7:00 COMMUNION: Pages 194-202; **Hymns: 624, 725, 374, 722, 670**

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THE CLOSING HYMN: “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” **Hymn 390**

Please take time to greet those around you and introduce yourself to those you don’t know.

THE POSTLUDE: “O How Joyfully” – Benjamin Carr

Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

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Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgist:** Pastor Bloch

Lector: Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: Patti Miller – French Horn

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