

SATURDAY



JULY 27, 2024

Christmas in July

PENTECOST 10

WELCOME & THEME

✠ Preparation ✠

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OPENING HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367, vv. 1-4

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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CONFESSION

P We confess our sins before God and each other, clinging to the certainty of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

All: Lord God, the shepherds heard the message of the angels and went with haste to Bethlehem to worship Him. After they worshipped Him, they went out to witness to what they had seen. Unfortunately, because of our sinful nature there are times when our worship takes a back seat to other priorities. Many times, our witness is inadequate and at times misleading. We disconnect from the joy of Christmas throughout the year. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Fill us with Your Word and grace today and lead us as we live our lives as Your witnesses.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ABSOLUTION

P “When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. Justified by His grace, you and I are forgiven of all our sins and heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:4-7

C Amen.

✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

FIRST READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-18

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

SECOND READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰Then He [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, “He is out of His mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons He casts out the demons.” ²³And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.” ³³And He answered them, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH -

Martin Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death, that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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SERMON HYMN

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 380, vv. 1-2

SERMON

*Questions Jesus Asked and Why They Still Matter Today:
“Who Is My Mother?”*

RESPONSE VERSE

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 380, v. 3

OFFERING *(See page 8 for offering information.)**stand*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gracious heavenly Father, we adore Your divine goodness and praise You for the wonderful gift of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus.
- C** Praise, honor, and glory be to You, O Lord our God.
- P** For this eternal blessing, conceived out of Your love for us, accept our heartfelt thanks
- C** and our offerings of praise and eternal gratitude for Your love and mercy.
- P** Bless us also as we receive anew the Christmas message into our hearts.
- C** Equip us by Your Spirit to spread the joyful news of salvation throughout the world.
- P** May these glad tidings bring hope to those still in chains and peace to the troubled.

(Special Intercessions)

- P** May the lonely, the poor, and the broken-hearted see in the Christmas message the assurance of Your presence.
- C** This we ask in the name of our Savior, Christ the Lord. Amen.

✠ Christmas Feast ✠

PREPARATION

[Tune: “Angels We Have Heard on High”]

- P** May the good Lord be with you, lift your hearts to God in praise.
- C** May the Lord be with you too, to the Lord our hearts we raise.

All: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

PRAYER

P We give You our thanks and praise, Almighty God, merciful Father, LORD of promise and fulfillment. In days of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your salvation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Your Son, Jesus Christ. Having seen His glory, and waiting for His second coming, we, Your people, join with the church on earth and all the heavenly hosts in singing Your praises.

SANCTUS

[*Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts by all adored,
 heaven and earth cannot contain all the glory of Your name.
 Hail, hosanna God most high! Blest is He Who now draws nigh
 in the name of God the King, Alleluias glad we sing;
 hail hosanna, praises due, be forever Lord to You.**

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

SHARING OF THE PEACE [*We come to the altar at peace with one another.*]

P The peace of the Christ child be with you.

C And also with you.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (See below for communion information.)

HYMNS/CAROLS

LSB 386 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 366 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"The First Noel" (on screen)

Regarding Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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BLESSING

[Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High"]

P May the good Lord bless and keep, cause His face on you to shine.

Look on you with favor deep, granting you His peace divine.

All: Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CAROL

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387

P We enter to worship;

C We exit to witness.

Regarding Thank Offerings

To our Guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Offerings can be given in the following ways:

- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on “Give” at the top of the page.
- Give offerings/donate from your smart phone. Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



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