

1st Sunday After Christmas December 29, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
GOD CARES FOR HIS SONS

Worship Participants

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OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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THE OPENING HYMN **“Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us”**
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1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
 4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
 6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
 And our guilt was crim - son red.
 From the Fa - ther and the Son
 Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
 Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
 Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
 Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
 Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
 Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
 “To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
 Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
 Crushed the craft - y ser - pent’s head,
 Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
 When the dark - ness hid your face.
 I am ev - er - more with you.”
 God of free and faith - ful grace!

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Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
 Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
 Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
 Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
 Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 By your sav - ing means of grace!
 Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
 3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
 4 He fills the poor with good; He
 5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
 let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
 he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
 gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
 made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
 sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
 for the proud And jus - tice for th'op - pressed.
 truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

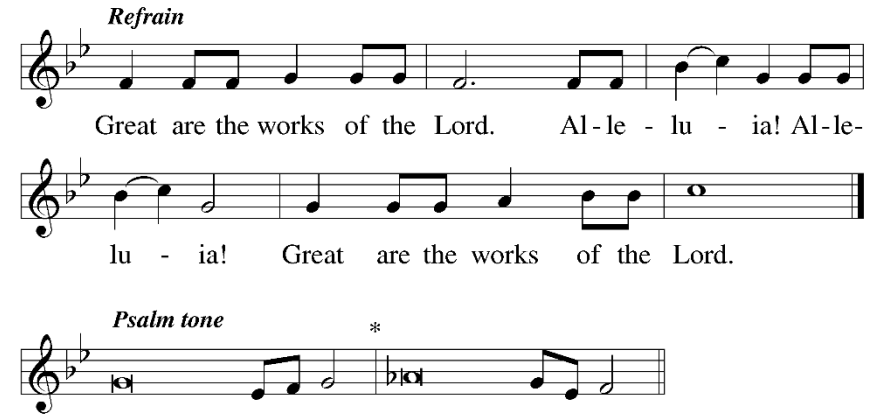
THE FIRST LESSON Hosea 11:1-7

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
 and out of Egypt I called my son.
² But the more they were called,
 the more they went away from me.
 They sacrificed to the Baals
 and they burned incense to images.
³ It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
 taking them by the arms;
 but they did not realize
 it was I who healed them.
⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
 with ties of love.
 To them I was like one who lifts
 a little child to the cheek,
 and I bent down to feed them.
⁵ “Will they not return to Egypt
 and will not Assyria rule over them
 because they refuse to repent?
⁶ A sword will flash in their cities;
 it will devour their false prophets
 and put an end to their plans.
⁷ My people are determined to turn from me.

Even though they call me God Most High,
I will by no means exalt them.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 2

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Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

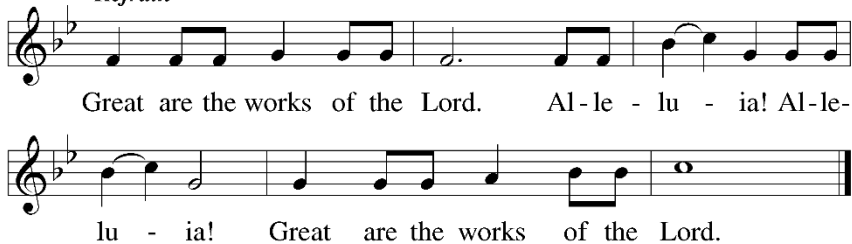
Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

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I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
 He said to me, "You are my Son;
 today I have become your Father."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone *



THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.¹ ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba,² Father."⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

¹ The Greek word for *adoption to sonship* is a legal term referring to the full legal standing of an adopted male heir in Roman culture.

² Aramaic for *Father*

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 These words are written that we may believe that
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."³

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of

³ Hosea 11:1

Galilee,²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.



Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Let All Together Praise Our God"

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1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
 4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
 5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
 flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
 change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
 maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
 help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
 Of paradise today.
 The angel guards the gate no more;
 To God our thanks we pay,
 To God our thanks we pay.

THE SERMONGalatians 4:4-7

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be Seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



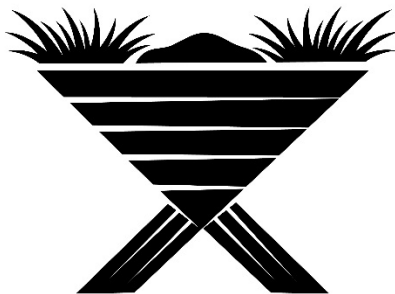
THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated



CLOSING HYMN **“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We”**
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1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we And come your
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet And hum - bly
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, And to us
 4 Un - til at last we, too, pro - claim, With all your

low - ly bed to see; En - light - en ev - 'ry
 fall be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 all your grace ac - cord; True faith and love to
 saints, your glo - rious name; In par - a - dise our

soul and mind That we the way to you may find.
 sweet - est night That gave you birth, our souls' de - light.
 us im - part That we may hold you in our heart,
 songs re - new And praise you as the an - gels do.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO WORSHIP: Reminder that there will be no worship service on Monday evening, December 30th. Please join us for New Years Eve worship on Tuesday, December 31st at 6:30 PM.

NO CLASSES: There will be no Adult Bible Study, Sunday School or Public School Confirmation classes this Sunday, December 29th and next Sunday, January 5th. We will resume all classes on Sunday, January 12th.

DECORATION TAKE DOWN: The 7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the church Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 12th after the 10:30 AM service.

PRESCHOOL & JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT: St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2020. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first served basis. Enrollment opens to the community on January 19th.

GREETERS: Thank you to everyone who greeted before worship services this year! Please let Cory in the office know if you no longer wish to greet, otherwise you will be placed on the schedule for the new year. If you have not greeted before, please consider signing up to greet a couple times this year. We need additional greeters for all services. If you are interested in signing up to greet, please place your completed form in the Greeter bin on the narthex counter by the end of December.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 6-10, 2020. Registration will take place later in spring.

USHERS: Current ushers – a new usher schedule is in your church mailbox. We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (December 29 – Sunday only)

8:00 AM – Adrian & Stacy Boldt; Keegan

10:30 AM – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle, Declan & Parker

GREETERS FOR NEW YEARS EVE (December 31)

6:30 PM – Don & Marge Gebert

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 5 & 6)

8:00 AM – Bob & Sue Dittrich

10:30 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder

6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser, Adrian Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha, Scott Seymer

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR NEW YEARS EVE

6:30 PM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Dec 25-31 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
Dec 26- Jan 2 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Dec 29: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Beverly Garves
Jan 5: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 105, 10:30 AM – 97, 6:30 PM – 42
Total Attendance – 202
Children’s Christmas Service – 490
Christmas Eve Candlelight: 6:30 PM – 200, 10:00 PM – 110
Christmas Day – 115

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 29

Worship Service8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School
Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, December 30

NO SCHOOL
NO WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 31

NO SCHOOL
New Years Eve Worship 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 1

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 2

NO SCHOOL
Men’s Basketball..... 7:30 PM

Friday, January 3

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, January 5

Worship Service8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School
Worship Service10:30 AM