



Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

Sunday, January 5, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Darkness shall cover the earth, but the glory of the Lord will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

The abundance of the sea will be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you from afar.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord!

From Isaiah 60

*HYMN

Mary Had a Baby

*OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery, in the darkness of our world your light shines with grace and truth. Open the eyes of our hearts to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth; let the mystery revealed in Jesus draw us closer to you. May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace. As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice and righteousness. Fill our hearts to overflowing through Christ Jesus. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

"Pole Star"

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As travelers long ago laid their gifts before the Christ child, we too bring our gifts with great joy. Let the light of your love, O God, shine through us to relieve suffering and show the way to peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God ye creatures here below

Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit!

Alleluiah! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN**

Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Tom and Sherry Miller, Sonja Hunter
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