



Sunday, January 3, 2021

Christmas 2

Worship focus: Christmas Came Anyway: Even with fear.

HYMN

440 – “On Eagles' Wings” (Verses 1 & 2)

(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the
Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's
wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**2. Snares of the fowler will never
capture you, And famine will bring you
no fear; Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle's
wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Please stand.

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 35:1-4

Do not fear! Why? God will come.

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27

Spoken responsively

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

P: Do not hide your face from me,

C: do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

P: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

P: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: the Lord will receive me.

P: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the Lord;

C: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**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.**

SECOND LESSON – 1 John 4:16-18

Love drives out fear.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Matthew 2:13-15

Joseph and his family fled.

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.”

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 80 – “Angels From The Realms Of Glory” (verses 1 & 4)

**1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**4. Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

SERMON Text: John 4: 16-18

Theme: God's perfect love drives out our imperfect fear.

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.'

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

HYMN

752 – “In Christ Alone” (verses 1 & 4)

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm. What heights of love, what depths
of peace, When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in
all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand. Amen.**



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GREETERS

today are:

Tom & Becky Smith – Early Service

Richard and Ruth Johnson – Late

Next Sunday:

Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Early Service

John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 27, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 165; Early: 76; Late: 89; Adult Bible Study: 21. On-line worship service views for December 20 were 68; for Christmas Eve: 138; Christmas Day: 64.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 16 are the members of David Bower's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 17 will be the members of Bill Hull's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 3 – January 10)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20; **CALL MEETING 1:00PM;** Elders meeting afterward.

WED Handbells 6:30; On-line Catechism 6:30.

THU Bible Information Class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30 – 5:00; C Team 5:00-6:15.

TUE Cheer practice 3:30-4:30.

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HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you.

CALL MEETING! There is a call meeting **today at 1:00** to call an associate pastor, 7th and 8th grade teacher/ principal and a kindergarten teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

A NEW YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 14-18, are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name and are on the left side of the table. Sunday School for Pre-school through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week in#4, "Samson's Sin and God's Mercy." Packets of lessons that go with the videos, can be picked up for Pre-school through 8th grade from a table in the narthex. It's not too late to do Sunday School with your child in 2021. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

TRINITY LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: The Courier will be not printing a Right-to-Life signature ad on January 22, 2021. The Hancock County Right-to-Life will print a small ad to commemorate the signing of Roe vs Wade which went into effect January 22, 1973.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be taken down on Friday, January 8th at 6:30pm. Please help out the committee if you can!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the basement. Please retrieve them and double check the address. If the address is incorrect, please contact Clark Inniger at 419-306-0127 or email tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or cdinniger@roadrunner.com. *These are not for use until 2021.*

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 27th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church.

LADIES AID: Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11th at 7:30 in the church sanctuary. Our devotion on prayer will continue. Masks and social distancing will be observed.