

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**December 25, 2022**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray) Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10**

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.***

## **Responsive Reading – Psalm 98**

*L: 98 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

**C: 2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*L: 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**C: 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*L: 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

**C: 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

*L: 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!*

**C: 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
ALL: 9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4**

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-17**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sermon**

**"The Word Became Flesh"**

**Pastor William Shields**

*(sermon text: John 1:1-17)*

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day** # \_\_\_\_\_

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response**

**"Doxology"**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn** # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

**Weekly Events:**

**Sunday, Jan. 1 – 9:30 am Worship & Communion**

**10:45 am Coffee Fellowship**

**No Sunday School**

Poinsettias

In Memory of

Merle Polson	Pat Polson and his family
Gene & Evon Scruggs, Jim Effner	Jim & Sue Scruggs
Dennie Olmstead, Eunice, Herman & Deb Pierson	Gary & Cindy Pierson
Richard Mills	Barb Mills & Family
Marvin Hartz	Nancy Hartz and family
Fred & Thelma Zibert and Doosie &	Juanita Bosnich
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