

**JANUARY 3, 2021**

# Welcome!

**We believe God brought you all here today! May you be blessed, strengthened and uplifted by your time of worship.**

**GUESTS!** – A special welcome to you! We are glad you are here! Please take a moment to sign our online guestbook or leave a comment on Facebook!

**Hearing Needs** – A Hearing Loop is installed on the organ side of the worship space to assist those with hearing difficulties. Please set hearing aid to Telecoil.

**Restrooms** – Restrooms are located through the entry way, to the left as you exit the worship area.

**Nursery/Cry Room** - We love worshipping with children. If you need a place to go with small children, there is a nursery/cry room on the right of the entryway as you leave the church. The room is equipped with a viewing window and speakers so you can continue to participate in the worship service.

**Communion:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the 9:00 Traditional Worship service. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Pastor prior to communing.

## **CHRISTMAS 2 – January 3, 2021**

### **SERVICE THEME**

*"Be Still and Get a Move On!"*

**SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY...**

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## Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the  
 2 To this vale of tears he comes, Here to  
 3 We are rich, for he was poor; Is not  
 4 O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us



God of heav - en, Who, to bid our  
 serve in sad - ness, That with him in  
 this a won - der? There - fore praise God  
 and be near us. Grant us now a



hearts re - jice, His own Son has giv - en.  
 heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
 ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
 glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**M:** 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 & FORGIVENESS**

**M:** 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.**

**M:** 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

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



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** 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

# WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

## FIRST LESSON: *Colossians 3:12-17* (NIV84)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## ♪ PSALM 146

Red Hymnal 120

### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

### *Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

### **Refrain**

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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***

**GOSPEL LESSON:** *Matthew 2:13-8* (NIV84)

13 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."

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: 18 "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

## 70 Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter



1 Help us, O Lord, for now we en - ter Up -  
 2 May ev - 'ry plan and un - der - tak - ing Be -  
 3 And may this year to me be ho - ly; Your  
 4 Je - sus, be with me and di - rect me; Je -  
 5 And grant, Lord, when the year is o - ver, That



on an - oth - er year to - day. In you our  
 gin this year, O Lord, with you; When I am  
 grace so fill my ev - 'ry thought That all my  
 sus, my plans and hopes in - spire; Je - sus, from  
 it for me in peace may close. In all things



hopes and thoughts now cen - ter; Re - new our cour - age  
 sleep - ing or am wak - ing, Help me, dear Lord, your  
 life be pure and low - ly And truth - ful, as a  
 tempt - ing thoughts pro - tect me; Je - sus, be all my  
 care for me and cov - er My head in time of



for the way. New life, new strength, new hap - pi -  
 will to do. In you a - lone, my God, I  
 Chris - tian's ought. So make me while I'm liv - ing  
 heart's de - sire; Je - sus, be in my thoughts all  
 fear and woes. So may I, when my life is



ness We ask of you— oh, hear and bless.  
 live; You on - ly can my sins for - give.  
 here Your faith - ful ser - vant through the year.  
 day And nev - er let me fall a - way.  
 done, Ap - pear with joy be - fore your throne.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH (98 98 88) *Emskirchner Choralbuch*, Leipzig, 1756, alt.

## **SERMON**

**MESSAGE:** *"BE Still...and Get a Move On!"*

**TEXT:** *Exodus 14:13-15 (NIV84)*

13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH – 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name.**

M: It is fitting, O Lord, as we end one year and step into the year ahead that we express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

**C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

M: You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

**C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.**

M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.

**C: We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.**

M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

**C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

**C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we begin the year of 2021. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**M:** As we begin another year, we once again are blessed to receive God's forgiveness through the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Recognizing our need for forgiveness and having a heart of faith which trusts in Jesus as our Savior, we come to the Lord's Table to commune with his presence and his promises.

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his birth, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**M:** 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

M: Our Savior invites you to come and receive his forgiveness.

*(as individuals come forward...)*

"Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you."

"Take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you."

*Once all have communed:*

M: May this true body and blood received together with the bread and wine strengthen and keep you in the true faith until life everlasting. Enter this New Year with the full assurance that you are fully forgiven and a dear child of your Father in heaven. Go forward in the New Year with this peace and joy! Amen.

## **CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** 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.**

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## Father, Let Me Dedicate



1 Fa - ther, let me ded - i - cate All this year to you,  
2 Can a child pre - sume to choose Where or how to live?  
3 If in mer - cy you pro - long Joys that now are mine,  
4 If you have for me a cross And its shad - ow come,



In what - e'er my earth - ly state, In what - e'er I do.  
Can a fa - ther's love re - fuse All the best to give?  
If on life se - rene and fair Bright - er rays may shine,  
Turn - ing all my gain to loss, Shroud - ing heart and home,



Not from sor - row, pain, or care Free - dom dare I claim;  
More you give me ev - 'ry day Than the best can claim;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings, You in all pro - claim  
Let me think how your dear Son To his glo - ry came



This a - lone shall be my prayer: Glo - ri - fy your name.  
Help me trust you that I may Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And, what - e'er the fu - ture brings, Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And in deep - est woe pray on: "Glo - ri - fy your name."