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First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2010

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning.
May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite
you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and
hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" AGPS #98
Text: Martin Luther
Tune: Vom Himmel hoch

- 1)
From heav'n above to earth I come To bring good news to ev'ryone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring To all the world and gladly sing:
- 2)
To you this night is born a Child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This newborn Child of lowly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3)
Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through Whom this sinful world is blest!
You turned not from our needs away! How can our thanks such love
repay?
- 4)
O dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A holy shrine, within my heart, That You and I need never part.

Invocation

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

Responsive Reading (From Psalm 27) AGPS, p. 10

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
C: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?
C: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.
C: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
P: Teach me Your way, O Lord.
C: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
P: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
C: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Song of Praise: "Glory Be to God on High" AGPS #99

Text: Bradford Scott

Tune: Mendelssohn

- 1)
"Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify, Worship You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav'nly King, To Your name alone we sing:
Praise the glory of Your name, Now and evermore the same!
- 2)
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Sole-begotten, holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high, Born true man for us to die,
Lamb of God, You take away This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit, You alone Are most high, O God the Son,
And the Father, God above. Praise we now Your glorious love.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Readings:

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-14
Epistle Galatians 4:4-7
Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

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Song of the Day: "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known"
AGPS #265, Vss. 1-2

- 1)
When Christ's appearing was made known, King Herod trembled for his
throne;
But He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2)
The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
By light their way to light they trod, And by their gifts confessed their God.

Sermon: "Hell's Rage Against the Christ Child"

Offering

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" AGPS #183

Text: Philips Brooks

Tune: Forest Green

1)
O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hope and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2)
For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

3)
How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4)
O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes" LW #56

Text: Marie Wexelsen

Tune: Azmon AGPS #187

1)
I am, so glad when Christmas comes, The night of Jesus' birth,
When Bethl'em's star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.

2)
The little Child of Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,
Came down from His exalted throne To save our fallen race.

3)
He's now returned to heav'n above, God's Son He is always;
He ne'er forgets His little ones But hears them when they pray.

4)
I too would sing my Savior's praise, My joy, my crown, my Lord;
For He has made me His own child By Water and the Word.

5)
I love the precious Christmas eve And my dear Savior mild,
And I shall not forget the truth: He loves me as His child.

6)
I am so glad when Christmas comes: Let anthems fill the air!
He opens wide for every child His paradise so fair.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Rev. 1:1-6; Jn. 1:2-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs: Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18
Wednesday:	St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr (Transferred) 2 Chr. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39 No Confirmation or Choir Tonight
Thursday:	7:30PM Men's Bible Study
Friday:	7:00PM New Year's Eve Worship
Saturday:	10:00AM Christmas Day Worship
Next Sunday:	Second Sunday After Christmas 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz
Monday	- Chad Meyer, Neil & Karen Stemann
Tuesday	- Robert Langhans
Thursday	- Orville Augustin
Saturday	- Sherri Smith, Dan & Diane Lee

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Sue Dicke, Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Irene Gerdes (healing for her wrist), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), and Wayne and Gwen Thomforde.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 2

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Submission"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Self-reliance and self-sufficiency are largely myths. The truth is, we all must submit to someone. The question is not, "Will you submit?" It is, "To whom will you submit?"

(Luke 2:40, 51-52)

Life Quote – December 26

"There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: 'If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby! I would have washed His linen! How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!' Yes you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve Him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ Himself." *Martin Luther*. **This Life Quote** is from **Lutherans For Life**. www.lutheransforlife.org

Catechism Review: The Sacrament of the Altar

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.