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The First Sunday After Christmas

December 30, 2018

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
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Opening Hymn: #370, "What Child Is This"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Verses: 1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Christmas Litany (Isa. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a)

P: To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

C: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

P: And His Name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for He has done marvelous things!

Hymn of Praise: #367, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Responses

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #519, "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

Sermon: "The Cradle, The Cross, and The Sword"

Offering

Hymn: #390, "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude