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Friendship Sunday Worship

December 28, 2008

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.

Pre-Service Music
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: "We Come to Praise You" AGPS #254

Text: Robert M. Bjornstad Tune: Bunessan, Gaelic

1)
Heavenly Father, we come to praise You,
And to say thank You here in our song,
For all the gifts You give through Your kindness,
Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

2)
Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow,
For all the blessings You died to share;
Life and salvation we have forever,
Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care.

3)
Comforting Spirit, move us to worship,
Showing Christ's love in all that we do.
Help us to serve our brothers and sisters,
Knowing the off'ring's given to You.

Invocation and Opening Versicles (Ps. 98:1,4; Ps. 111:1; Gal. 4:4-6; Lk.
2:30-31)

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

C: Amen.

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to
redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
sons.

**C: God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying: Abba!
Father!"**

P: My eyes have seen Your salvation

C: that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

**All: 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.**

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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Epistle Galatians 4:4-7

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Apostles' Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Song of the Day: "What Child Is This" AGPS #262

Text: William C. Dix Tune: Greensleeves

1)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2)

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you,
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

3)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The Virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Sermon: "A Christmas Adoption Story"

Offering

Christmas Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" AGPS #138

Text/Tune: Polish Carol

1)

Infant holy, infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

2)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child is born for you! Christ the child is born for you!

Prayer of God's People

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" AGPS #147

Text: Henry van Dyke Tune: Beethoven

1)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2)

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3)

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Piano Postlude

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded.)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	7:00PM	Meeting of Leadership regarding CILS (at Concordia)
Wednesday:		Christmas Eve
	2:00PM	Seminary Home Service with Pastor Sorenson
	7:00PM	New Year's Eve Worship Service
Thursday:		New Year's Day/Circumcision and Name of Jesus: Num. 6:22-27; Rom. 1:1-7; Lk. 2:21
Friday:		Johan Konrad Wilhelm Loehe: Ezek. 34:11-16; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Matt. 24:42-47
Next Sunday:		2 nd Sunday After Christmas
	9:00AM	Sunday School or Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	After Service	New Horizons Potluck and Taking Down of Christmas Decorations – All are invited

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Bob Langhans
Tuesday	- Orville Augustin
Thursday	- Sherri Smith, M/M Dan Lee
Friday	- M/M Jacob Dahl

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments).

Envelope Packets for 2009

Please take a moment to stop in the narthex after church today to pick up your contribution envelopes for 2009. They are on a table by the coat racks. Thank you.

150th Anniversary Pictures and Souvenirs Still for Sale

It's not too late to obtain items in celebration of our church's 150th Anniversary. We still have salt and pepper shaker sets, Christmas ornaments, and numerous event pictures of all sizes available for purchase. All pictures are \$5. The salt and pepper shaker sets are \$14 and the Christmas ornaments are \$10. Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee will be available after the service to help those who would like to make a purchase.

Life Quote – December 28

"On the day of the Holy Innocents, we recall the tragedy of the Bethlehem babies cut down by Herod's sword. We recall the tragedy of the Bethlehem mothers who refused to be comforted. This day reminds us of the babies today cut down by abortion's sword. It reminds us of the grief and regret experienced by the mothers of these children who feel they can never be comforted. Thank God for the Baby who escaped Herod's sword that night! He brings hope and comfort to any situation." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* / www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 4

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

"I Can Take It From Here"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

"God rescues us from our stubborn and sinful independence.
(Matthew 2:8)