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The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

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: #375, "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and

justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Hymn of Praise: #383, "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively worship insert

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Christmas Response: #391, "Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

Children's Sermon: "Promises! Promises!"

Hymn of the Day: #370, "What Child Is This"

Sermon: "The Right Christmas"

Offering

Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

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: #389, "Let All Together Praise Our God"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

LIFE QUOTE

December 31 "Our failures won't undermine the Lord's reign. Others' successes can't overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity—not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil's deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let's exercise our majesty enthusiastically!" *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*