



Second Sunday of Christmas ~ January 3, 2021

Prelude *Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow. arr. by Jack Schrader* Dr. Steven Gray

Gathering Hymn **Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289 (vs.1&3)**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Welcome and Announcements

The Greeting

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins)

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through +Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

The First Noel ELW 300 (vs.1&2)

The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Psalm: 147:12-20

Gospel Acclamation

Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Gospel John 1:1-18

Sermon

“John, Martin, and the Miracle Quilts”

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle

Hymn of The Day

What Child is This? ELW 296 (vs.1&2)

What child is this who lays 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.

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers

P Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P Lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **C** **Amen.**

Song of Prayer Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744 (vs.1&4)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The Peace

*While we cannot share the peace in person,
we live each day knowing the gift of God's peace is with us always.*

Special Music

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming. Arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman
Katy Lundeen*

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

P Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day + through the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ELW 288

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Postlude

In dulci jubilo by J. S. Bach

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Serving Us Today

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Katy Lundeen, Vocalist
Lewis John TenHulzen, AV Technician
Sydney Buchanan, AV Technician

Remember in prayer: Virginia Mecina, Carol Nass, Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Evelyn Salvog, Merle Flattum, Ken Doolittle, Nadine Anderson, Margaret Volkmann, Wanda Boyce, Kal Kaltenborn, Delores Huston, and Jasmine Stivers.

We especially remember Larry Asfazadour and family at the death of June. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection. We also pray for the friends and family of Martha Martell who passed away this past week.

We continue to pray for all those affected by Covid-19. For doctors and nurses, teachers and students, pastors and congregants, our friends and families, the first responders, and the multitude of people in all sectors of life. Give them strength to continue to care for those who are ill, and provide for them peace of knowing they are doing all they can.

Offering Envelopes for 2021: We will not be using numbered envelopes this year. Our system for tracking giving is name based. If you wish to have envelopes we will have prepared bundles of pew envelopes to hand out at drive thru communion. We are ordering the new "Raise the Roof" envelopes for the building fund and will have them available when they arrive. If you have any questions, please talk to Angela in the office.

We are sure most of you are aware of the latest Covid updates, but the stay at home order has been extended. We will not return to indoor worship until we are notified that it is ok. Bishop Andy from the Pacifica Synod is urging all churches to follow the local guidelines and mandates for California and Hawaii in order to care for others as ourselves.

WELCA Bible Study January 4th on Zoom: January 4th, the first Monday of the month, we will gather in a Zoom Room at 10:00 am for the WELCA Gather Bible Study. The room will be open at 9:50 for you to log in and get settled.

For the next 4 months, the Gather study will be focusing on Angels and other Heavenly intermediaries. Please look through your Christmas cards and ornaments and bring an angel or two with you to share with the group.

To Join Zoom Meeting click on this link.

<https://zoom.us/j/94069137395?pwd=d1laMFA1ZmV0K2VhV0JnWTZ5bDVOUT09>

I am available to talk you through logging into Zoom. Contact me before Jan 4th so we can practice this calmly, when we are not rushed. Blessings!