

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

Sunday – January 02, 2022

OPENING HYMN – LSB 390

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice”

♪ 1. Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.

♪ 2. To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav’n’s fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

♪ 3. We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore, praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.

♪ 4. Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

**♪ To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

♪ To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.

♪ For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.
Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that
you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge on Baptism for the remission of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN – LSB 914
“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

♪ 1. Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten
Radiance of the Father’s face,
Word made flesh, who lived among us
Full of truth and full of grace,
Shine upon our human darkness;
Pierce the night that shrouds our race.

♪ 2. Word eternal, through Your being
God created all we see,
When the empty spaces echoed
With the Father’s “Let there be...”
Light and life burst from the glorious
Power of Your majesty!

♪ 3. Still Your brooding Spirit hovers
Over chaos, dark and deep,
Calling out with invitation:
“Rise, awaken from your sleep;
Christ the Lord will shine upon you
And from death your soul shall keep.”

♪ 4. Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit
In our hearts Your work begin,
Bring the healing restoration
Of Your image lost by sin;
From Your fullness all receiving
Grace on grace, new life within!

SERMON

“It All Begins With Light”
Rev. Kurt Wenzelburg

OFFERING

P: Whether you give in the plate, online, auto-withdrawal, or mail a check, everything we give is an act of worship.

C: **Lord, receive all that we give You as an act of worship.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Birthday: Harold Reh (99 on 1/8)

Hospitalized: Rev. Bob Scott (*Faith Grand Blanc*)

Please pray for hope and healing for:

Andy, Sherrie Antoszewski, Dave Backers, Barbara, Lois Bellhorn, Don Bietler, Gayle Butzu, Laurie Butzu, Mike Clore, Chris Curtice, Kaleigh D'Anna, Connie Davis, Joshua Etheridge, Joe Ferrari, Rich Gluski, Kathy Harding, Jennifer, Gloria Koch, Chuck Kraft, Barbara Limberger, Evelyn Marcat, Milt Miller, Landon Morrison, Melissa Murray, Melissa Paul, Tom Prokuda, Sandy Ruzzin, Stella Thoel, Hope Watson, Paul Wright

Pray for the family of: Leonard Thoel (Annette Tilney's cousin)
Joe Caputo

Please pray for:

- Protection for health care workers, all first responders, the poor, the sick, all who are most at risk.
- People around the world who are going thru internal conflicts. Pray for peace.
- People in Kentucky and other states with the devastating tornadoes.
- Comfort and peace for the Oxford community.
- For those injured and their families in the Oxford shooting.
- Safety for those traveling during the Christmas-New Year's week.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, ... Evermore praising You and singing:

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the lord be with you always.

C: **♪ Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – LSB 849

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

♪ 1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

♪ 2. Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons,
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water,
To the dessert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

♪ 3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious onto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – LSB 411

“I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”

♪ 1. I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give

light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

♪ 2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness,

shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

♪ 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.