

## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

Sunday, January 9, 2022

### **OPENING HYMN – LSB 409**

***“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”***

**1. Hail, O Source of ev’ry blessing,  
Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,  
In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You,  
In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You,  
Thankful for the grace You give.**

**♪ 2. Once far off but now invited,  
We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united,  
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to eastern sages,  
See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst’ry hid in former ages,  
Myst’ry great of love divine.**

**♪ 3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior!  
Gentiles now their off’rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit,  
Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,  
Grateful anthems ever raise.**

## **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, 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: Father in Heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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**

1 Chronicles 16:11-13

Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Israel,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 2:17-24

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 765**

***“God Moves in A Mysterious Way”***

♪ 1. God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plans His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

♪ 2. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
Faith sees a smiling face.

♪ 3. His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding ev’ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flow’r.

♪ 4. Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

♪ 5. You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head.

**SERMON**

***“Miracles”***

*Rev. Mark Arendell*

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***Hospitalized:*** Rev. Bob Scott (*Faith Grand Blanc*), Rich Gluski,  
Bill & Eunice Rogerson

***Please pray for hope and healing for:*** Andy, Sherrie Antoszewski, Dave Backers, Barbara, Lois Bellhorn, Don Bietler, Gayle Butzu, Laurie Butzu, Chris Curtice, Connie Davis, Emmi Finn, Joshua Etheridge, Jennifer, Evelyn Marcath, Evelyn Miller, Landon Morrison, Melissa Murray, Melissa Paul, Sandy Ruzzin, Stella Thoel, Hope Watson, Paul Wright

***Pray for the family of:*** Shirley Carpenter  
(Dawn Bettcher's grandmother)  
Joe Caputo (Karen Gluski's cousin)  
David Payne (Cathy Thomas' father)

***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.

## **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.**

## **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 389**

***“Let Us All Together Praise our God”***

♪ 1. Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again  
To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.

♪ 3. Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.

♪ 4. He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.

♪ 6. He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.