



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2020
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

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Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

*Wel-
come and Announcements*

Prelude.....A time for silent reflection

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.
Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,
we confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.

Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

In the name of ☐ Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW #655

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.

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Sending
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Dixie and Leonard Arndt, Altar: Reader: Greg Bever, Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn, Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.

CALENDAR FOR January 5—January 12

Today	Special Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
Sun., Jan. 12	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Church Council Meeting	11:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please feel free to take one, or more, poinsettia plants. This is the last Sunday we will have them on display. Thank you to the folks who donated to the purchase of the plants. They truly add beauty to the sanctuary at Christmas.

Grace to You and Peace, a yearlong devotional journey through the Epistles by Norma Cook Everist has been provided through Wartburg Seminary. We have sent the devotional through e-mail to our members. A hard copy of January and February are available in the narthex. Extra copies will be made, as needed.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” ELW p.149

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Word
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God’s gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

Amen.

P: God fills the hungry with good things.
Come with joy to the feast.

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 154

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Emmanuel, God with us,
you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all.**

Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **ELW #288**

Dismissal:

P: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice.
Christ is born! Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious,
Pam Eaton, Dakota Holiday, Carla Von Haden, Addison Arndt

IN THE MILITARY

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

that be-
come
the meal
your

of
grace.
Move in our hearts,
that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW p.153

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God’s cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God’s judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be ho-ly and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in

the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the for-giveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that ⁵

we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

The gospel according to John 1:10-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes

after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

ELW #295₆

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 he 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 OF INTERCESSION (Hear us O God. Your mercy is great)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

*Offertory Hymn "We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

*Offertory Prayer

**Generous God,
you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth**