



The First Sunday of Christmas—Dec. 27, 2009

9:00 A.M. Christmas Pageant

Carol Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune in continuous fashion at the head of the center aisle. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

THE BELL CHOIR

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Wade/Callahan

Stand, as able

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **☩ Amen**
- ☐ Amidst the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- ☐ Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
- ☩ **Forgive our lack of faith and trust in your will.**
- ☐ Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.
- ☩ **Forgive our neglect of the poor.**
- ☐ The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.
- ☩ **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**
- ☐ The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.
- ☩ **Forgive our reluctance to seek you with all our hearts.**
- ☐ The angel said, you shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **☩ Amen**

THE HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High #289

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING Page 165, front of hymnal

☐ 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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE Jesus, What a Wonderful Child #297

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband, Elkanah, come to the Lord's house to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

☐ A reading from First Samuel:

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 148

Read responsively

☐ ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

☑ ²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

- 4Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- 5Let them praise the name | of the LORD ,
who commanded, and they | were created,**
- 6who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
- 7Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;**
- 8fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- 9mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;**
- 10wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
- 11sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;**
- 12young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**
- 13Let them praise the name | of the LORD ,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.**
- 14The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12–17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

A A reading from Colossians:

12As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **13**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14**Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. **16**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. **17**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Repeat Alleluia

Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:41–52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

☐ ⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

INTRODUCTION TO THE PAGEANT

THE PAGEANT

The Church School and Youth

Pageant Cast:

Mr. Rodriguez- Jonathon Peña
 EJ- Elijah Morehead
 Joseph- Joshua Peña
 Mary- Lexi Farr
 Angel 1- Hannah Farr
 Shepherd 1- Dominic Legnani
 Counter- Jesse Matthews
 Inn Keeper- Louis Sacco
 Star- Devin Nilsson
 Shepherd 2- Joey Zalewski
 Angel 2- Alyssa Legnani
 Choir Angel 1 (solo)- Bre Johnson
 Choir Angel 2- Brittney Jaksina
 Choir Angel 3- Crystal Dubois
 Choir- FLCR Choir
 Sheep 1- CJ Farr

Sheep 2- Mathew Sierra
 Donkey- Tommy Zalewski
 Cow 1- Will Visalga
 Cow 2- Noah Legnani
 Lamb 1- Sarah Visalga
 Lamb 2- Angelina Martin

Music:

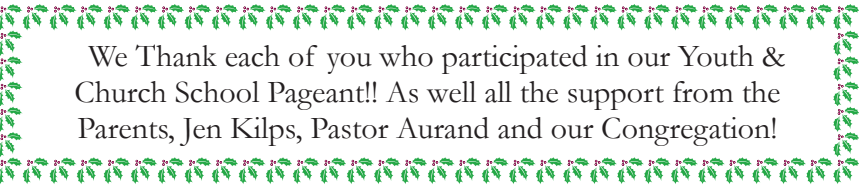
Bill Hively- organ, piano
 Karl Nilsson- bass
 Alan Robertson- guitar
 Alyssa Hughes- trumpet

Stage Crew:

Andrew Soneson
 Eric Dubois
 Katelyn Rivers
 Sarah Berlandy

Director:

Alyssa Hughes



We Thank each of you who participated in our Youth & Church School Pageant!! As well all the support from the Parents, Jen Kilps, Pastor Aurand and our Congregation!

CHOIR, sing page 2 “Gloria” refrain only—on cue.

THE NICENE CREED

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☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

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☐ Blessed by the light of Christ incarnate, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

☐ In your mercy, God, guide the church. Through your Spirit, strengthen the body of Christ with a listening and probing faith. Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ In your abundance, Creator, sustain the earth. Bless all your creatures: from the ones that swim and creep to the ones that run and soar. Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ In your wisdom, Teacher, equip us to be peacemakers. We pray for an end to conflict in the land of Jesus' birth, and in every land (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ In your compassion, Father, heal wounds and care for needs. We offer our prayers for all who need your healing, especially Jeffrey, Jack, Debbie, Nancy, Karen, Donald, Maria, Dan, Henry, Kevin, June, Lola, Crystal, Shawn, Pauline, Jay, Brittany, Carol, Wayne, Dean, Penny, Joe, Rose, Rita & Keenen, Audrey, Wendy, Carolyn, Bill, the grieving family of John Jastrzemski (Elsie Archaski), and those we name in our hearts or on our lips (*a brief pause*). Keep Cory, Juan and Nilberto safe as they serve our country. Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ In your love, Mother, hear this congregation's prayers. May your presence be felt in this community in the midst of both joys and sorrows. Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Ⓐ In your grace, Lord, be our hope in the face of death. We lift up the lives of John, apostle and evangelist, and all the saints. In this season of family gatherings, comfort those who gather to grieve and be near to those oppressed by loneliness and isolation. Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓟ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE ADULT CHOIR The Little Drummer Boy Katherine K. Davis

Stand

THE OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards #183

Meal

THE OFFERING PRAYER

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- Ⓒ **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- Ⓟ Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
 we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
 strengthen our faith,
 increase our hope,
 and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

☩ Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER Right Column Page 173, front of hymnal

☩ **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**

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☩ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Now, Lord #200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Page 174, front of hymnal

☩ Radiant God, ... Jesus Christ our Savior. ☩ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. ☩ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

☩ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL Page 174, front of hymnal

☩ Go in peace. Christ is with you. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE BAND Away in a Manger arr. Nestico

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 27

John, Apostle and Evangelist

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.



Monday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2009



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wicz Sr.

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

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