

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

LSB 361

1. **O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**
2. **How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.**
3. **O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

**\*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♩ Amen.**

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

L: You turn man back to the dust, and say, "Turn back, O children of men!"

C: **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

L: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

C: **Satisfy us early with Your steadfast love,**

L: Most merciful Heavenly Father,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you, in our thoughts, words and by our actions. We have not fully placed our trust in You. Yet we are the reason You came to earth. Forgive us the sins of which we are aware, and those which are known only to You. Forgive us. Save us. Empower us to turn from our sins, to follow in Your perfect ways. Amen.**

**\*THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **♩ Amen.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **♩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

C: **♩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **♩ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. C: **♩ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the first Sunday after Christmas, is from Exodus 13:1-3a 11-15, page 55:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. <sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Colossians 3:12-17, page 984:

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Amen.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter, verses 22-35, page 857:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG** (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)  
**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! (x2)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30) Ellen Wuerffel

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* **LSB 374**

1. **Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**
2. **Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**
3. **Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!**

THE SERMON Rev. Todd Wilken

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

**VOLUNTARY**

**\*THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

**♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

INDUCTION OF 2019 OFFICERS (8:00 & 10:30)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**C: ♩ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN** *Joy to the World* **LSB 387 (v. 1-2)**

**\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE** + + + + +

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

Preacher: Rev. Todd Wilken

Liturgists: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens & Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman, DMM;

5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Dennis Gerfen

## NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 2018

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): American Church History

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner 7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

REV. TODD WILKEN in the pulpit today. Welcome!

FORWARD 2019: With reception of 72 new members in 2018, the past year marked signal membership outreach for Peace by transfer, baptism, adult confirmation, and profession of faith. Weekend worship attendance approaching 775, alongside 28 confirmations, 8 weddings, 24 baptisms, and 30 funerals seeing souls welcomed into God's eternal presence, marked the year.

2018 NEW MEMBERS to be welcomed January 12/13, 2019: **ATENCIO**, Megan, Sofia; **AX**, William/Carla; **BAGY**, Deborah; **BAKER**, Ralph/Judith; **BEUTELMANN**, Diana; **BORCHERDING**, Kathleen; **BRINKMANN**, Dawn; **DANIELS**, Amanda, Payton; **DESSAU**, Debra, Eric; **DOUGLAS**, Grace; **FOERSTER**, Joseph/Toni; **GORDON**, Rachel; **GRISSER**, Paula; **HILGERT**, Todd/**WEBB-HILGERT**, Allison; **HOOSS**, Robert; **JEFFCOTT**, Jack Jr./Paula, Alexander, Shawn; **KASSEL**, Sarah; **LOWRY**, Susan; **MEYER**, Kenneth/Barbara; **MEYER**, David; **MORGAN**, Chester/Diahann, Allie, McKenna; **PORATH**, Matthew/Jennifer; **REISEL**, Jacob; **RUTLEDGE**, Luke; **SCHAEFFER**, Gregory/Hayley; **SCHWEIKERT**, Marvin/Janice; **SMITH**, Craig/Jennifer, Emma, Ethan; **TURLEY**, Ronald/Cheryl; **WHITE**, Haley; **WHOBREY**, Victoria; **WILKE**, Michael/Tracy; **WOHLSCHLAEGER**, Ronald/Verlene, **WOHLSCHLAEGER**, Wayne, Mark, Allen; **ZEHNER**, Sherry\

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

NEW YEAR, NEW BIBLE STUDY Join us for a study of the Gospel of Luke, beginning next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Commons. All are welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS Orders may be placed for 2019, starting with Sun., Jan. 13. Contact Tammy in the Church. Poinsettias may be picked up after late service on Sun., Jan. 6. Christmas decorations will be removed that day, at 1:00 p.m.

2019 OFFICERS TO BE INDUCTED today, 8:00 & 10:30:

G. Wirtel, Chm.; R. Uthoff, V. Chm.; D. Hummert, Treas.; S. Renner, Sec; L. Wolff, Payroll Mgr.; J. McElroy, Fin. Sec.; ELDERS: R. Goodman, Chm., V. Bollman, D. Carlson, D. Miller, J. Teague, J. Birk, A. Hopfer, D. Saufnauer, R. Uthoff, Jr., S. Shawcross, J. Akers, A. Hoeflerlin, J. Nelson, D. Dippold, R. Behnke, R. Wolters, B. Uthoff, J. Hooss, A. Baese, L. Oster, K. Werkmeister, J. Rastorfer; PARISH ED: K. Andrews, A. Leonard, A. Arensmeier, S. Hopfer, J. Maschhoff, D. Wirtel; FINANCE COMM.: T. Dalton, R. Wussler, T. Behnke; STEWARDSHIP: D. Dukesherer, B. Mullen, J. McCreary; SOCIAL MINISTRY: J. Sorth, J. Birk, D. Seyfert, M. & A. Fischer; S. Robinson PROPERTY: R. Behnke, D. Spitzmiller, L. Dressel, J. Schramm, J. Rastorfer, J. Sneed, R. Truemper, M. Wilde, M. Yaeger, W. Mathany, B. Bryan, F. Seiller, B. Hammon, B. Chitwood; YOUTH: D. Mieger, K. Spangler, B. Stevens; BOARD OF GREEN PARK: M. Wuerffel, T. Johnson, J. Sneed; EVANGELISM: B. Mayer, C. Neff, E. & J. Winker, J. Sorth, J. & M. Wiesehan; CEMETERY: C. McElroy, G. Truemper, W. & M. Schuessler, B. Goldsmith, G. Brinkmann, E. Turner, L. Hinton.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are invited by the Children's Ministry Board to roller skate at Rock Roll-O-Rena Roller Rink, 4153 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, on Wed., Jan. 2, **4:00-6:00 p.m.** (Note the updated time.) We've rented the rink for the evening. It is a perfect time to come and learn to skate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free. Sign up through the church website.

SERVICE for Donald Rasch, former Peace member, is Jan. 5, 11:00am, at St. Mark's –Eureka, MO.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018:

Mon:           **NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
          6:00   Worship Service w/Comm

Tue:           **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
                  **OFFICE CLOSED**  
          1:00   Woehr/du Bruyn Wedding

Wed:   7:00   Bells of Peace Rehearsal

Thu:   6:00   Men's Bible Study

Thu:   9:00   Mary/Martha Bible Study  
          3:30   GP Practice  
          6:30   ESL Classes  
          6:30   College Girl's Bible Study  
          7:00   Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sat:   5:00   Worship Service w/Comm.

Sun:   11:30  Life Ministry Team