

Hymn: *From Heaven Above* ELW #268 (vs. 1, 2, 13, 14)

Prayers of Intercession

Passing of Peace

Offering

(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



Offering Hymn: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW #275

Prayer

The 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 the Lord our God.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: *What Feast of Love*

ELW #487

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

ELW #290

Sending

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."

Sunday, January 5th, 2025; 9:30 am 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another:

(Silence for private confession)

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess our sins to you. Though we do not deserve it, we ask for your forgiveness. By your grace, let the blood of Jesus wash away the stain of sin and make us clean. Grant us a new start that we may live as you would want us to. Amen.

P: People of God, look to the Son of God. Because God loved you so much the Son was given to forgive you, to heal you, and to set you free. Take hold of the new life he gives!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

ELW #269

Apostolic Greeting

Call to Worship

P: A new day has dawned. A new year has begun. God's gift of life is renewed in you and in me.

C: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative Spirit in our midst.

P: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

C: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's Word.

P: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in our world.

C: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people.

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.

Lighting the Candles

Hymn of the Day

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

ELW #286

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Jennie Dede

⁷For thus 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."⁸ See, 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.⁹ With 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 where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.¹⁰ Hear 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 does a flock."¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.¹² They 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.¹³ Then 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.¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Second Reading: 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,⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.⁵ He destined us for

adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In 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,¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.¹³ In 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;¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (I Am the Light of the World)

Dakota Road p. 128

Holy Gospel: John 1: 1-4, 10-18

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.¹⁴ And 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.'")¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children's Message

Mary Lee

Sermon

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