

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 2009

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising* 375

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

BAPTISM (10:30) LSB, page 270

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. (Sung)**

***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 shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)**

***THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Taken from Lutheran Service Book pp. 187-189 (8:00)

Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit. (Sung)**

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE FIRST READING for the first Sunday after Christmas, is from I Samuel 2:18-20, 26, page 226:

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his 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. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home. ²⁶ Now the young man Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE is from Hebrews 2:10-18, page 1002:

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter, verses 22-35, page 852:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ (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. (Sung)

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

(5, 8, 9:20)

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) Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let All Together Praise Our God* **389 (1-4)**

THE SERMON "Light to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:22-35)

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 pg 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**

INDUCTION OF 2010-11 OFFICERS (8:00 & 10:30)

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *Joy to the World* **387**

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: Anna Horton

NEWS AND NOTES:

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons) Foundations: The Lutheran Difference

Adult Bible Class (Commons Conf. Rm.): "How We Got the Bible"

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

BAPTISM (10:30) Aya Grace Kennon, daughter of Dennis W. and Michelle R. nee Miller Kennon. Sponsors: Dennis W. Kennon, Sr., Heather A. Miller, and Susan R. Henry.

ELDERS' MEETING at 6:00 p.m. today at John/Jeanne Hooss' home. Wives invited.

POINSETTIAS **To the glory of God:** Paul & Verna Beck; Ken & Marilyn Fanger; Bruce and Merrily Goldsmith; Don & Susan Hasting; John, Jeanne, & Karl Hooss; Fran & Ruth Rich; Wayne & Marilyn Schuessler; Roland & Dorothy Wachter; Frank & Marion Weihe. **In honor of:** Roy & Ginnie Baese in honor of our grandchildren; the Brown family in honor of Don & Joyce Hipp; Marlene Kruse in honor of grandson Daniel Hardy, U.S. Marines; Ben & Audrey Lattina in honor of Jesus' birthday; Jim & Donna Stabile in honor of Paul & John Stabile: **In memory of:** Dennis & Cindy Banks in memory of our parents, and in honor of Dennis' mother; Elaine Blair in memory of Charles Blair; Kenneth DeNeal in memory of Louise E. DeNeal; Greg & Lois Ebmeyer in memory of Norbert & Lorraine Laramie and Don Ebmeyer; Peggy Forsythe in memory of husband John Forsythe and Oscar Pruesser; the Mark Habrock & Todd Rehg families in memory of Edward Nass; also Mark & Carolyn Habrock in memory of Dorothy Habrock; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Will Hellwege; Bruce & Jane Herzog in memory of Doris Herzog and Erwin & Marie Weigel; Walter Hillemann, in memory of Meta Hillemann; Dorothy Hurst, in memory of family members, Clif, Jerry, Deborah & Katie; the Keller & Smith families, in memory of Verna & Emil Keller; Pat & Ray Kergo, in memory of our parents; Leon & Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of our parents; Ruth Kutscher, in memory of husband Rev. Leonard Kutscher and grandson Mark Hudson; April, Eric & Claudia Lappe, in memory of Clara Boice; Ron & Christel Ludwig, in memory of mom Hannelore Andres; Dan, Jen, and Ali Martin, in memory of grandmother, Martha Rapp; Ken & Jan Meister, in memory of Brett Meister; David & Carol Menendez, in memory of E. & L. Mueller and A. Menendez; and in honor of A. Menendez; the Mueller & Truemper families, in memory of our parents; the Arman Rapp family in memory of wife, mother, and grandmother, Martha Rapp; Bill & Lisa Rericker, in memory of Zachary & Gabriel; the Rubach family, in memory of Ronald Rubach; Fern Ruth & family, in memory of Donald Ruth; Robert Schmaltz, in memory of wife Blondell; Marilyn Schnell in memory of husband Charles Schnell; Milton R. Schwartzmeyer, in memory of Patricia L. Schwartzmeyer; Janet, Helen, Kevin & Kimberly Sheets in memory of Ron Sheets; Milton Simunich in memory of Dorothy Simunich; Jerry, Mary Beth & Colin Stokes in memory of Ian Orr, and in honor of LCPL David McArthur; Dan & Gale Uhlig, in memory of our parents; Roger & Dottie Uhlig in memory of Rey & Virginia Uhlig; Dan & Kathy Waser & family, in memory of Marvin Brink and also to honor Kathy Waser & granddaughter Payton Rutledge's January 5th birthdays. Robert & Linda Wolff, in memory of infant son David Samuel Wolff and Robert's mother, Rosemary Wolff; Ralph & Shirley Wolters, in memory of loved ones; John & Janet Yaeger, in memory of our parents.

ALTAR FLOWERS New flower orders may now be placed for the coming year, starting with Sun., Jan. 10, 2010 for anniversaries or other occasions. Poinsettias may be picked up after late service next Sun., Jan. 3. The Christmas decorations will be removed that day, starting at 1:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth sign up by Dec. 27 for the New Year's Eve Party, 7:00 p.m.-12:15 a.m. (video games, bounce house, volleyball, 3x3 basketball, hockeyball and more). Cost \$10. Jr. Youth we're going to Youth Quake in St. Louis during Jan. 22-24. We'll stay at the Millennium Hotel downtown. Your faith will grow as you experience awesome speakers, participate in fun activities and rock out to Christian music. Cost is \$100. You MUST be signed up by Jan. 6! All Youth sign up to visit to our homebound members on Jan. 3. Meet after church at 11:30 for free pizza lunch and then we'll make our visits, returning around 2:30 p.m.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 19, 7-8:30 p.m., with sessions on Tuesdays. Sign-up posted.

WEDNESDAY EVENING Bible Class resumes 7 p.m., January 6 with a six-week study of the book of Micah. Bring a friend & join us.—Rev. Eldon Winker

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009:

Today: 1:00 HS Boys B-ball

6:00 Elders

Mon: 5:00 GP Boys 3rd & 5th GR B-ball

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 4:00 NO Confirmation Classes
6:30 HS Boys B-ball
Thu: NO Mary/Martha Bible Study
6:00 New Year's Eve Service w/Comm
7:00 Jr. Youth New Year's Eve Party
Fri: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Office Closed
Sat: 8:30 K-2 Gr. B-ball Practice
11:00 HS Boys B-ball
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.