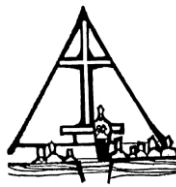


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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE *Away In a Manger* James R. Murray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* ELW # 295

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW # 275

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 63:7-9 O.T. p. 693

PSALM – Psalm 148

*Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.
Congregation responds with the bold verses.*



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

**²Praise 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. R**

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. R**

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! R**

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2:10-18

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:13-23

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*** (C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

*** (C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *In the Bleak Midwinter* ELW # 294

***APOSTLES' CREED** p. 127 (blue tab)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Larry Shackley

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

***OFFERING PRAYER** p. 107

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** p. 112

DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD p. 112

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW # 279

(Sung to Forest Green # 250)

Away in a Manger ELW # 278

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ELW # 282

Go Tell It on the Mountain ELW # 290

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION** p. 114

***CLOSING HYMN** *Cold January Flies Away* ELW # 299

***DISMISSAL** p. 115

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Marilyn White



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!



To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, January 19:30am Worship Service
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Wednesday, January 4.....6:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 56:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists Prayer Group

Friday, January 610:00am Christmas Undecorating

Saturday, January 79:30am 7th Day Adventists

Sunday, January 89:30am Worship Service
10:45am Kindergarten Key/Forgiveness Milestone Class
10:45am 1st & 2nd Grade Lord's Prayer Milestone Class
11:00am Adult Education
12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, we thank you for this food. Bless it to our use and us to your service. In Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Ephesians 4:11-12



The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.