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### The First Sunday after Christmas - December 29, 2024

### 366 O Rejoice, All Christians Loudly

CW 366

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Confession CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

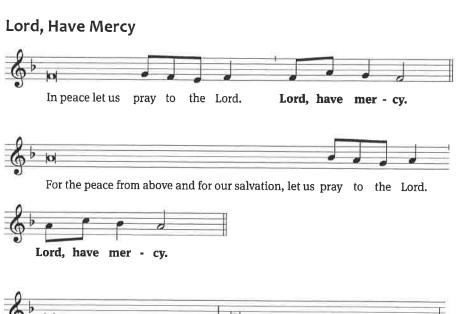
Have mercy on us, Lord!

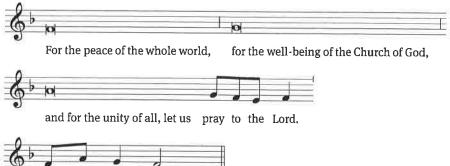
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

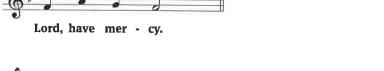
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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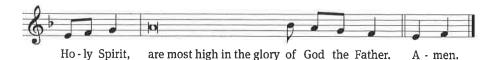




For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us







The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## First Reading

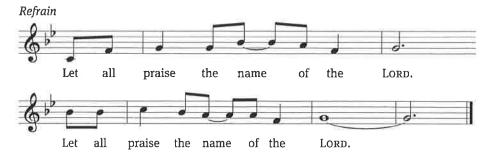
Genesis 17:1-7

'When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 'Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148A





Praise the LORD from the / heavens; praise him in the / heights above.

Praise him, all his / angels; praise him, all his / heav'nly hosts.

Praise him, / sun and moon; praise him, all you / shining stars. Refrain

Praise the LORD / from the earth.

lightning and hail, / snow and clouds,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all / cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and / flying birds,
kings of the earth and all / nations,
young men and women, old men and / children.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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### **Second Reading**

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup>Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Psalm 98:3







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## Gospel

Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup>"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

<sup>70</sup>(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

<sup>71</sup>salvation from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us-

72 to show mercy to our ancestors

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and to remember his holy covenant,

73the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

75in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup>And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
<sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
<sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

356 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

CW 356

Sermon: Luke 1:68-75 Praise the Lord for His Redemption

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

339 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

CW 339

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





### Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen.

355 Let All Together Praise Our God

CW 355

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**Diane Schultz** is our sunshine lady. If anyone knows of someone who would like a card of encouragement, please let her know. Her cellphone is 608-738-9934 and her home phone is 608-685-3861.

### **Church Offerings**

Wednesday, December 18: 16

General: \$865 Missions: \$105 Cap Imp.: \$
(General includes a gift from Ye Old School Shoppe)

Sunday, December 22: 27

General: \$610 Missions: \$40 Cap Imp: \$

Total: \$1620

General: \$1475 Missions: \$145 Cap Imp.: \$

### Our Weekly Walk with Jesus

#### Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee hour

#### Monday, December 30

### Tuesday, December 31

(no Bible classes today)
6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service with Communion

### Wednesday, January 1

(no services today)

#### Thursday, January 2

### Friday, January 3

#### Saturday, January 4

### Sunday, January 5

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion 10:30 am Coffee hour