

NAME OF JESUS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

Pre-Service Voluntary: – A.Chauvet

Noel for “*Name of Jesus*”

Welcome / Announcements

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

Prelude: Paraphrase on “*Vom Himmel Hoch*” – S. Karg-Elert
“*From Heaven Above*”

† GATHERING †

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***THE GATHERING SONG:**

Hymn #268: “*From Heaven Above*”

Stanzas 1, 3, 10 and 14

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Please stand if you are able

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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

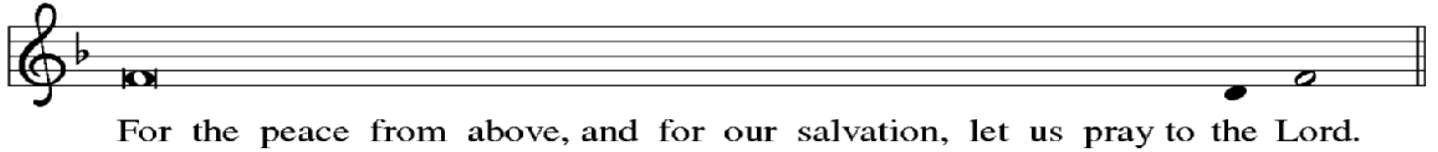
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.


THE KYRIE



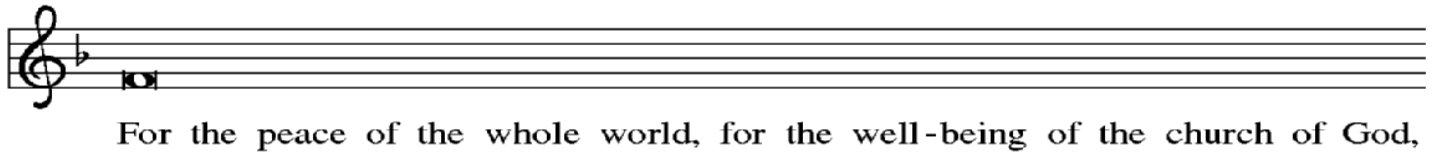
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



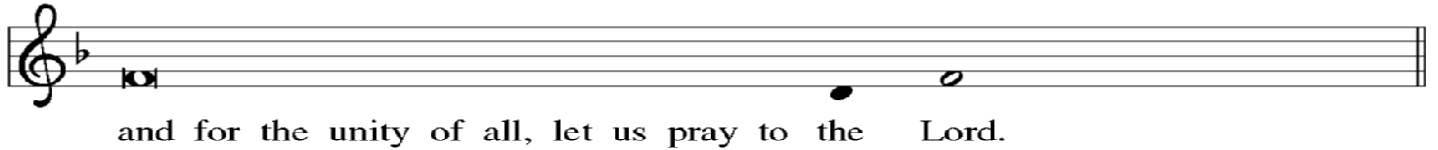
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



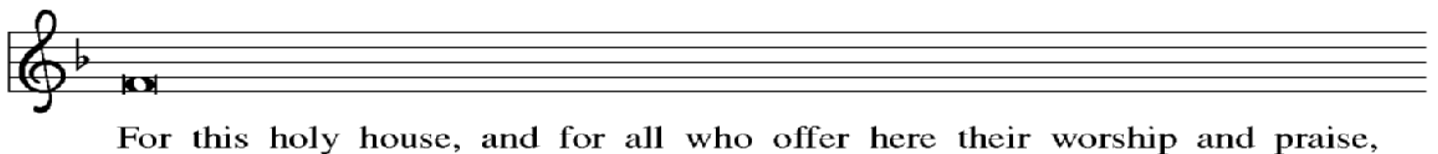
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



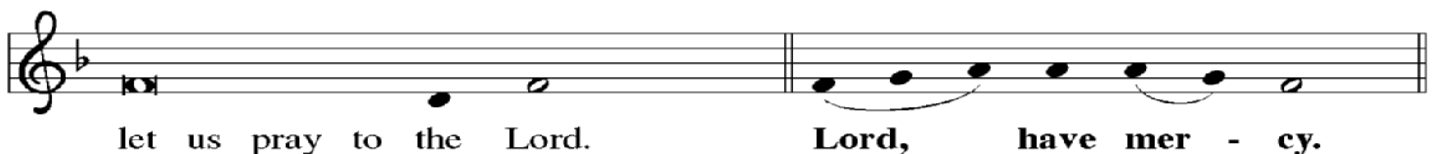
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



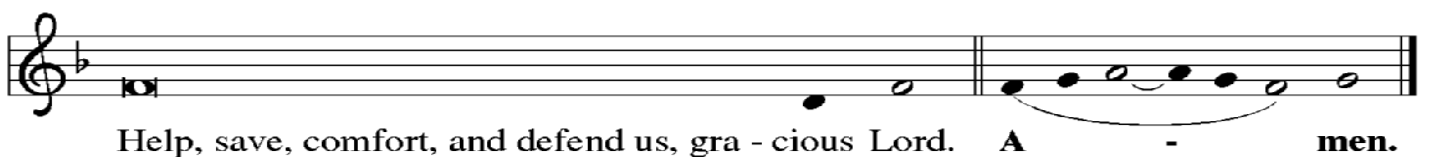
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22–27

L: A reading from Numbers the 6th chapter.

God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

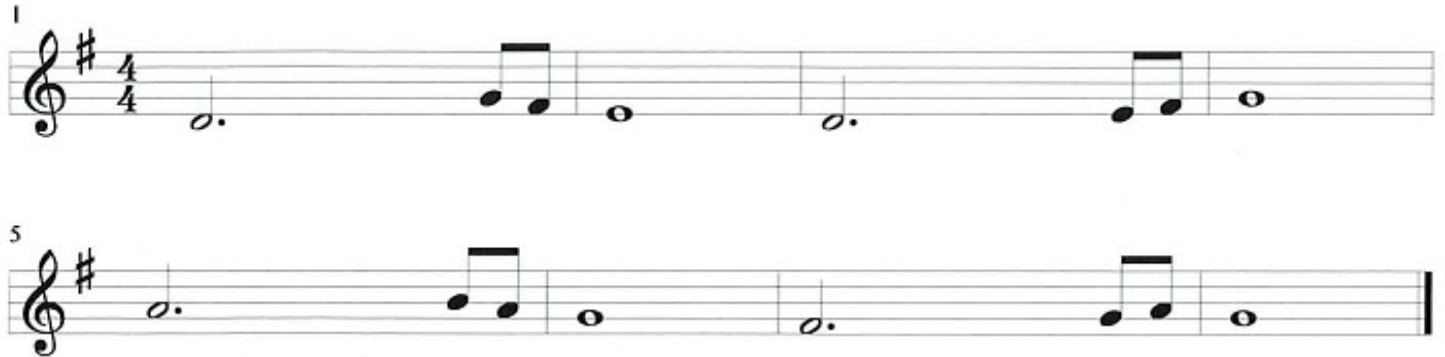
²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 8



¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
^{2a} you whose glory is chanted a| bove the heavens; out of the mouths
of in- | fants and children;
**^{2b} you have set up a fortress a | gainst your enemies, to
silence the foe | and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
**⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your
hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,**
⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

L: A reading from Philippians the second chapter.

This early Christian hymn points to Christ's self-emptying obedience on the cross as cause for his exaltation by God and worthy of praise by the entire cosmos.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death —
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.\

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

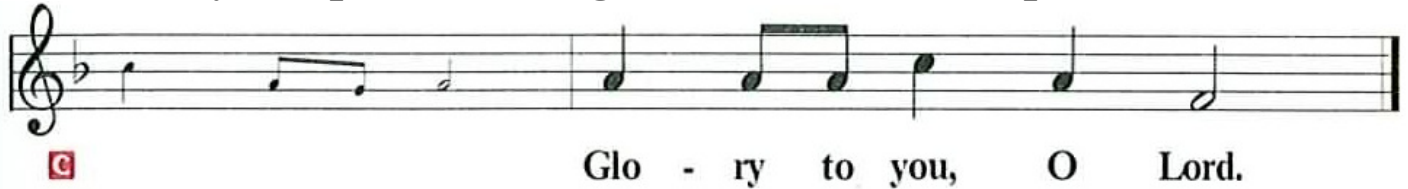


words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15–21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSORY: *"The Boy-Child of Mary"* - ELW 293
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #292: "Love Has Come"

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

† We Offer to God †

***P:** Rejoicing in this new year of grace, let us bring our prayers for
the church, all creation, and the needs of the world before God.

A brief silence.

P: Let us pray for our bishops, pastors, teachers, and other church
leaders. Grant them boldness to work for unity among all who
confess Jesus Christ as Lord, so that the world might believe.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Let us pray for wisdom and discernment. Grant that we, who
have been given dominion over creation, may rule over the
works of your hands with humility. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Let us pray for all nations. Grant peace where there is war, food where there is famine, and economic opportunity where there is poverty. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Let us pray for those in need: children, all seeking a new start in life, and the sick (*especially*). Grant them healing, safety, and hope, that they may live in the dignity you have given to all humanity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Let us pray for this congregation. Grant us vision for ministry, and give us your Spirit to live in harmony and do your will. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Let us give thanks for those gone before us, who with tongues and talents confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. May their faith and lives move us to be servants of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the glory of the Lord revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation.

C: Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY:

Chorale and Variation on "Coventry Carol"

- G. Phillips

***OFFERING HYMN: "Let the Vineyards..."**

Hymn 181

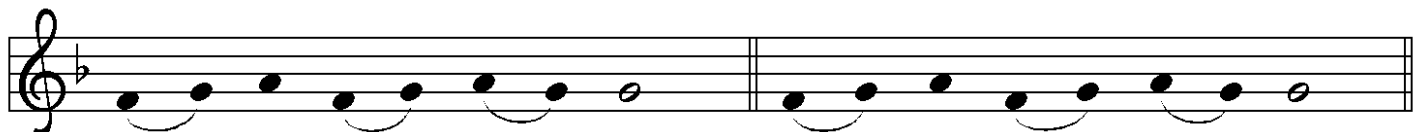
***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †


***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



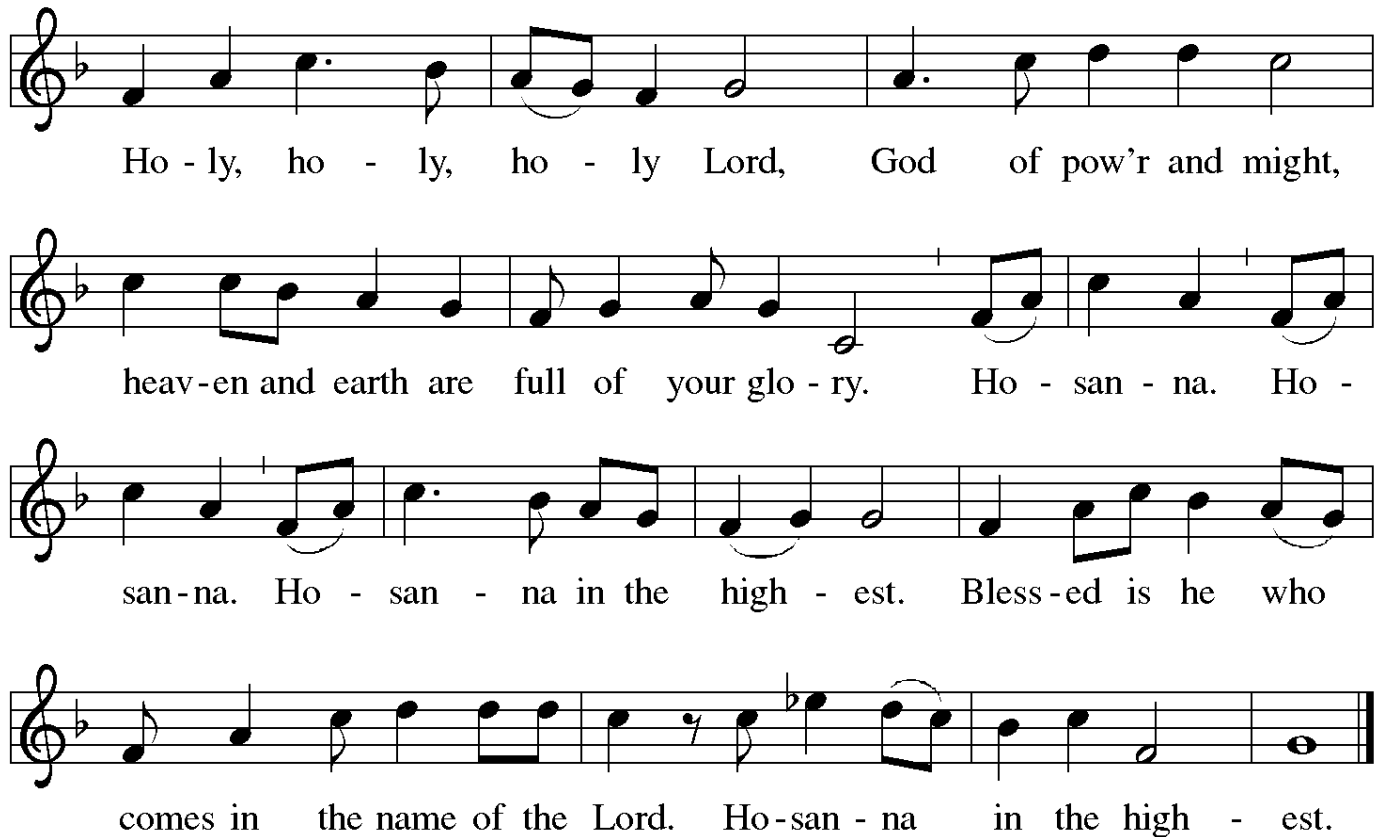
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

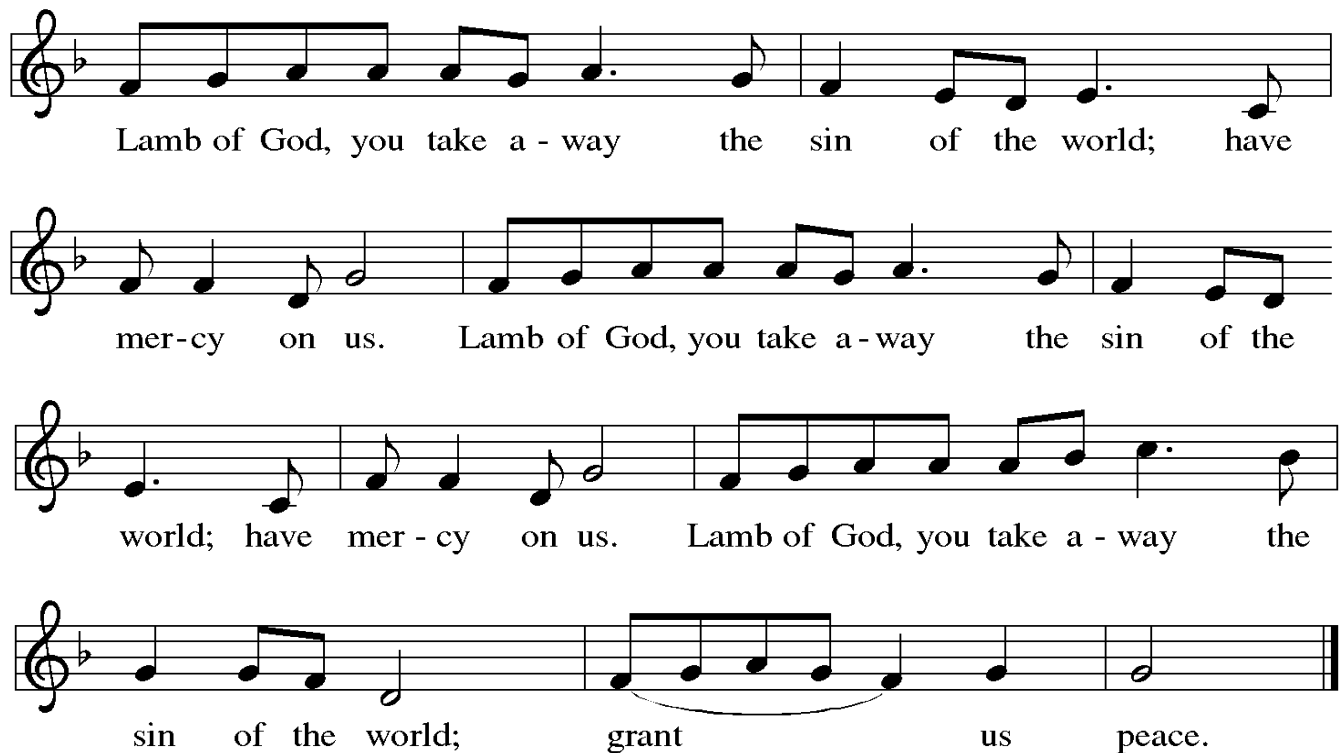
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

***TRADITIONAL 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.**

***DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***THE AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy
Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-**

**communing Children with Them to the Communion Rail.
Please Approach The Rail Using the Chancel. Please pick up
an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion,
Exit By Way Of The Side Door.**

During Communion

Hymn 620: *“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

Hymn 754: *“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”*

Hymn 272: *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle: *“Thankful hearts”*

Hymn #204

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in his meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)

***SENDING SONG:**

Hymn #287: *“Let All Together Praise our God”*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: For unto us a Savior is born.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!!

POSTLUDE: Variation on *“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”* - J. Walther
Tune of Sending Song

Acolyte: *Isabella Sickafus*

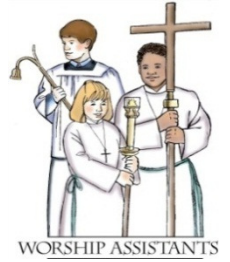
Communion Assistants: *Ray Enck and Tess Freeman*

Scripture Reader: *Nancy Eberly*

Nursery: *Martha Brubaker*

Greeters: *Rodger and Shirley Sweigart*

Ushers: *Randy Brubaker (Head), Sam Heiser, Rick Dillon, Robin Barr, Shari Weaver (alt.)*



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God by Nancy Eberly in Memory of Loved Ones.

THE BULLETINS are presented to the Glory of God by Nancy Eberly in Honor of Loved Ones.

***Welcome to all!** *If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again.*

***Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has difficulty hearing. *Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish to use one of the units during worship.*

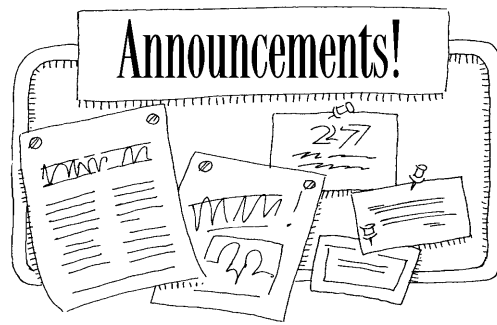
***Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the back of the church. *Please take one during worship. Just return the bag, crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!*



***In the event of wintry snow and/ or ice** please call the church at 336-8800 after 7:00 am on Sunday morning to verify whether or not church will be canceled.

Please visit Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church on Facebook or visit us on the web at www.mellingers.org!

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Pastor's Contact Information
Home: (717)738-3838
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Work: (717)336-8800

* Call anytime on cell phone

† **ACTIVITIES** †

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: *Happy New Year's Day; 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service.*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: *Monday: 9:30 am Women in Prayer; 7:00 pm Boy Scouts; Tuesday: 7:00 pm Bible Study; 7:00 pm Cub Scouts; Thursday: 6:00 pm Free Community Meal at Bethany UCC in Ephrata; 6:45 pm Chancel Choir; Friday: Epiphany; Saturday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers).*

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 8, 2012–Baptism of Our Lord: *All February Newsletter Articles Must Be Submitted to Office; 9:00 am Holy Communion and Commissioning of Church Council; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 10:30 am Sunday School; 6:30 – 8:00 pm Youth Group.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 8, 2012– Baptism of Our Lord: *Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Reflective Service of Evening Prayer (Vespers):** *Saturdays 5:00 to 5:30.*
- **Needed:** *Lay Worship Leader, Acolyte, Candlebearer or Crucifier. Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.*

ALTAR FLOWER/BULLETIN DEDICATION CHARTS

The 2012 altar flower and bulletin dedication charts are posted for you to start your dedications.

COMMUNION CARDS

If you have communed and not completed a communion card, please do so now in order to update our records. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with this matter.

MISSION SUPPORT

On Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 the church council voted unanimously to use funds from the money market to pay 3 months of Mission Support and 3 months of Hunger Appeal in which we are behind due to a shortfall in budgeted giving receipts.

150TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

If you have not taken an 150th Anniversary Booklet, please take one per family. We thank Jessica Harting for making such a wonderful booklet.

Results of the Election Held on 12/5/2011 80 Ballots Cast

2012 Budget – 70 Yes, 1 No, 8 Abstain

2012 Council Elected

Tess Freeman, David Haldeman, Gail Harker – 77 Votes each

Randy Brubaker – 75 Votes

Sam Heiser – 67 Votes

Ron Gehr – 63 votes

Also receiving votes

Skip Hutchinson – 4, Nancy Eberly – 2

1 vote each: Scott Brubaker, Dave Barr, Dave Weidman and Troy Adair

SCHEDULING EVENTS

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR AVAILABILITY BEFORE SCHEDULING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH!

COMMUNICATIONS

*Due to changes in service at the post offices nationwide, the church council has decided to no longer support bulk mailing of the newsletters. Please note that shut-ins will continue to receive the newsletter but by first class mail. In order to be good stewards of the earth and to save money to be utilized elsewhere within the church, **e-mail will be the main form of communications for those that have access to email and the mailboxes at the church will be the main form of communications for those that do not have access to electronic mail.** Mail has been sent asking for updated contact information for your family. Please complete these forms and place in the secretary's mailbox across from the office or scan and email to mellingerslutheran@gmail.com. Also, **PLEASE check your mailbox at the church on a regular basis.** Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.*

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (717) 336-8800 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO mellingerslutheran@gmail.com IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR PRAYER CORNER. Thank you!

PRAYER CORNER:

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



EPHRATA HOSPITAL: Lottie Leshner, Kathryn Meckley

LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: Dorothy Stauffer

JOHN HOPKINS HOSPITAL: Lyman Hainley

PLEASANT VIEW (Manheim): Verna Snyder

REHAB IN INDIANA: Kathleen Jeffers

HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER: Dave Emberger

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM/EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS:

Halligan Family, Ed Leed Jr. Family (Sayre, PA)

CHURCH MEMBERS AT HOME: Alicia Brubaker, Mary Burkholder, Kim Craven, Lorriane Eberly, Barbara Fetter, Bessie Fetter, Vivian Gehr, Sue Gray, Georgette Haldeman, Kathryn Hertzog, Ann Jones, Elva Leisey, Piper Leonhard, Pauline Martin, Judy Meckley, Ruth Messner, Ginger Mohler, Readith Petery, Shirl Tobias, Betty Weik, Deb Zerbe, Clair Adams, Leonard Gehman, Sam Heiser, Nevin Kieffer, Richard Keller, Jeff Moyer, Luke Showalter, Ernie Shimp, Jay Stoltzfus, Jay Weaver, Larry Weaver, Ron Weinhold, David Wilhide, Alvin and Ella Hollinger Michael & Marvin Showalter, Harry & Joan Wentzel Sr.

FAMILY & FRIENDS AT HOME: Norma DeLong, June Eberly, Susan Farr, Ruth Gregg, Donna Harpster, Katie Hartlove, Susan Hartman, Lucille Hess, Shirley High, Kathleen Kearney, Libby Kern, Caryll Lausch (staying w/daughter Lori Moyer), Bobbie Loose, Kelly Means, Amanda Meek, Art Mellinger, Rebecca Miller, Jean Newell, Fawn Sensenig, Becca Sprinkle, Lela Trout, Clyde Brown, Corey Ehret, Nolan Himes, Mark Larocca, Richard Lefevere, Pastor Greg Lindsay, Marvin McGallagher, Eugene Moyer, Ray Starks

We pray for friends and family at home. If you have family or friends in need of prayer, please contact the office. Then contact the office WEEKLY regarding the status of those we are praying for.

GRIEVING FAMILIES OF: Tim Pannebecker, Julie Hoyer, John Smith, Alice Hehnly, Dwayne Wentz, Paul Leisey Jr., Mark Ulrich, Pastor Paul Blank, Robin Plank, Dave Nolt, Verna Buchter, Dale Weik, Jr., Howard E. Allen, Jr.

ARMED FORCES: Jeff Barnett, Eric Clavier, Steven Fassnacht, Jason Freeze, Shane Horning, Adam Lausch, Chris Weidman,

Troops in Afghanistan –Michael Guigley

PRAYER MENTOR PROGRAM: Reed Martin, Mallory Moyer, Elizabeth Stief, Samantha Borry, Drew Sawyer

	12/25/2011 9:00 am Service	12/24/2011 7:00 pm Service
Attendance	84	201
General Receipts	\$2,315	\$3,623
Capital Fund	\$0	\$0
Capital Fund Repay	\$0	\$0
Bldg./Repair Fund	\$530	\$0

Receipts Compared to Budget As of 12/25/2011

General Funds

Adopted Yearly Budget \$233,345

	Receipts	Budget	Over/(Under)
MTD	\$21,072	\$21,164	(\$92)
YTD	\$212,387	\$233,345	(\$20,958)

Other Funds

	Month To Date	Year To Date
Building & Repair	\$1,120	\$5,155
Capital / Building Fund	\$120	\$2,430
Repay Capital Loan	\$20	\$1,262
Organ Pipes	\$250	\$5,870
Sanctuary Improvements	\$0	\$2,275
Computer/Office Equipment	\$0	\$2,900

taking ⁺faith home

JANUARY 1, 2012



bible readings

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats
Monday	Isaiah 41:17-20	The Lord will help the thirsty
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:1-3	Remember those in prison
Wednesday	Acts 28:1,7-10	Paul visits a sick man
Thursday	Revelation 7:9-17	No more hunger or thirst
Friday	Matthew 2:1-12	The visit of the wise men
Saturday	Psalms 72	Kings will present him gifts
Sunday	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptized

scripture

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" **Matthew 25:40 (NLT)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, as we step into this new year, give us the faith to walk with you, and your power to love and serve others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, for a year of many meals we give you praise; in the year to come, please bless our days. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you and keep you in the year ahead. May God give you the good gift of God's kingdom. Amen. (Matthew 25:34)

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Jesus says that when we serve others who are sick, hungry, thirsty, or in prison we are doing these things to him. What do you understand from this?
- Share about a time when you were sick, hungry, thirsty, or in prison and someone else helped you.
- How does your church community help people who are sick, hungry, thirsty, or in prison? How could you support or become involved with this?

DEVOTIONS:

Wrap up a calendar or diary for the new year and gather together all your 2011 calendars. Take some time to recall events and special days from the past year. Then have a symbolic "throwing away" of your 2011 calendars and unwrap your new 2012 calendar. Say a prayer of thanks for the old year and ask for God's blessing on the year to come. Write into the new calendar or diary any special 2012 household events or dates (e.g. birthdays, anniversaries, vacations).

SERVICE:

Is there anyone from your church community who is sick or in the hospital over the New Year period? Make a special effort to phone, write or visit them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Arrange some time this week to talk about your goals for the next year as individuals and as a household. Consider these questions:

- What would you like to achieve or experience in this next year?
- In what ways would you like to grow or change?
- In what ways would you like to contribute this coming year to serve those who are in need?
- In what ways would you like to develop in your Christian life and faith?

Make up a poster displaying your goals for your refrigerator or home display area. Pray for God's help in acting upon them and aim to revisit your goals at the end of June.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 115
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 3:30-7:00 pm, Boy Scout Troop 115 will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper. Tickets will be available at the door.

Prices:

Adults: \$8.00

Children 5-11: \$4.00

Children under 5: Free

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 115

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown