

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* (ELW 286)
NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)
PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the vineyards...* (ELW 181)
OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. 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 a blessing 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.

MEAL

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God* (ELW 191)

Away in a Manger (ELW 278)

All My Heart, Again Rejoices (ELW 273)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this 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. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Cold December Flies Away* (ELW 299)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTIONARY STUDY: Resumes Monday, January 6, 2 pm.

MEDITATION GROUP: Resumes Wednesday, January 8, 5 pm, at FLC.

1st Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 29th, 2019
Setting 8 - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)



Pastor: Martin Malina

Honorary Assistant Pastor: Diane Raddatz

Church Secretary: Debra Boyd-Chisholm

Assisting Today:

Lector: Peter Nabein

Assistant: Ian McGill

Musician: Sharon Wirth

Cantor: Jessica Malina

Ushers: Pierre Quenneville
& Norman Richter

Counters: Ken Roeske &
Peter Nabein

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Lector: Rochelle Piske

Assistant: Randy Rodgers

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* (ELW 269)

GREETING

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God in the highest ...* (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **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 READING: **Isaiah 63:7-9** A reading from Isaiah.

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 148 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 2:10-18** A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy

the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: (*Read along at www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)