

Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

Worship Service

December 27, 2020

PRELUDE: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, Harp

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to illumine the world with your light. By your grace, enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC: *Love Has Come*, from Bethel Lutheran in Northfield

THE READINGS

ISAIAH 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy; for in plain sight,
they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth
shall see the salvation of our God.

PSALM 98

¹O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

HEBREWS 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

MUSIC: *The Word of God Fleshed*, by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

OFFERING

MUSIC: *What Child Is This*, harp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

MUSIC: *Away in a Manger*, with Dianna Parks

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Rejoice in the Word made flesh.
 Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: harp

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