

# December 26, 2021

## *First Sunday of Christmas*

### *The Inn – Housing the Holy – “Dwelling”*



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

vs. 1

ELW # 276

- 1 **Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are rings, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**

### CANDLE LIGHTINGS

- L: Developed in the 14th century, the word “dwell” became known as a “lingering” or “abiding.” It had connections to “in-habit” – another word developed at that time. After an Advent/Christmas season of focusing on housing the holy, how will we linger and abide in this habit of hospitality? What habits did you invite into your heart in this season that you desire to take with you into the new year? How might we sustain the dwelling places that feed, house, clothe those who need it most?

*Today we light the Christ Candle once again that illumines the Door of Welcome.  
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.  
May Christ’s Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.  
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.*

The Hope of Christ be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

vs. 2

ELW # 276

- 2 **Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoice, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

- P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C. **Amen.**

P. In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**C. we confess our sin before you.**

**We replace compassion with competition.**

**We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.**

**We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.**

**We have not put on love in harmony with you.**

**Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.**

**Swaddle our hearts with your peace,**

**that all we do, in word or deed,**

**may reflect your love born among us.**

**Amen.**

P. I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**C. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSIC *Katie & Jenna*

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 2:41-52

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother

said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord*

vss. 1 & 3

ELW #286

1 **Your little ones, dear Lord, are we,  
and come your lowly bed to see;  
enlighten ev'ry soul and mind,  
that we the way to you may find.**

3 **Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,  
And to us all your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart,  
That we may hold you in our heart.**

#### APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

#### PRAYERS

#### SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

#### OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

**C: Your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER – COMMUNION

*Organ music during distribution*

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

**BLESSING** P: The God of hope fill us  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING – “The Rest Of The Story”

*Leader:* We end our Advent/Christmas worship series with one last Christmas carol, and this one is truly about Christmas Day. “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” is a medieval carol that would have been used for folk dancing rather than for Mass—a more boisterous praise of the newborn child than was permitted in worship at that time. It was written in Latin and German and the original Latin reveals the heart of this song.

*“In sweet jubilation now sing and be joyful! The joy of our hearts lies in a manger  
And shine like the sun in the lap of his mother, Alpha and Omega, beginning and end !”*

Let us remember that the joy of our hearts lies in the simplest of mangers. May our church be a “lap of the mother” for those who need it most.

**HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* vss. 1 & 2 **ELW # 288**  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**
- 2 **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

*RINGING OF BELL*

SENDING PRAYER

L: May God’s Door of Welcome swing open in your heart and in your life.  
May Christ’s humble first dwelling remind you of the plenty you already know.  
And may the Spirit lead you into more possibility and hospitality  
than you can imagine, making room in The Inn for all.  
May it be so for you. May it be so for us.  
May it be so for this church.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Julie Rogness. ASSISTING: Dan Rogness  
MUSIC: Tammy Hanson/Organ, Katie VanEpps & Jenna Rogness  
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HYMNS /PUBLIC DOMAIN: *Infant Lowly Infant Holy, Your Little Ones Dear Lord, Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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## CALENDAR

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|------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun/Dec 26 | 9 am | WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed<br>No Sunday School                                     |
|            | 7 pm | AA                                                                                          |
| Wed/Dec 29 | 6 pm | Yes there will be WED WORSHIP * <b>(new addition to Calendar)</b><br><b>NO Confirmation</b> |
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| Thu/Dec 30 | 7 pm | AA                                                                                          |
| Sat/Jan 1  | ---- | NEW YEAR'S DAY                                                                              |
| Sun/Jan 2  | 9 am | WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed<br><b>No Sunday School</b>                              |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

- JanFebMar *Christ in Our Home-Devotion Books*
- 2022 Giving Envelopes

● **Beginning Dec 26, your Christmas Plants may go home for your enjoyment.  
Thank you for sharing them.**

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