

First Sunday after Christmas
January 1st, 2017

Welcome to worship! God cares for his children. He cared for his son, the nation of Israel—though they were rebellious. He cared for his Son, Jesus—though Herod raged against him. He even cares for his newly adopted children—though we do not deserve it. God cared for us by sending his Son to deliver us from the corruption of sin and transform us into sons just like Jesus (Prayer of the Day). That work of Christ gives us peace (Verse of the Day) that only sons can have.

Our Worship

Order of Service: “The Common Service” without Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN: 45

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (Sung) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

C: (Sung) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of

the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9 (NIV84)

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. ⁸He said, “Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me”; and so he became their Savior. ⁹In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 2 on page 65

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV84)

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: (Sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (NIV84)

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 41

SERMON TEXT: Luke 12:35-40

"Keep your sleeves rolled up Christian: Be ready for service as you rejoice in God's service to you!"

STAND

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN: 35

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you

in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: 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.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: 75



We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Janice Loppnow, from Trinity, Kiel. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

Guest Preacher

We thank Pastor Thomas Meissner for preaching the Word of Christ to us today. Pastor Meissner teaches at Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

No Choir Practice January 5

It is listed on the January church calendar, but we have decided not to have choir practice on January 5. Our first choir practice for 2017 will be Thursday, January 19 at 7 pm.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office hours have recently changed. The new hours will tentatively be: Monday - Friday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Class will resume for Sunday School & Adult Bible Class on Sunday, January 8th. Stay tuned for the new adult Bible class topic to be announced next week.

Ushers

New Year's Day

Sunday, Jan. 1st Andy Fisher, Elwood Free, James A. Ott, Eugene Borgwardt

Saturday, Jan. 7th Jim Krim (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss

Sunday, Jan. 8th Todd Bergmann (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Caden Jungbluth, Todd Petersen

Greeters

Jan 1st Ilona Fischer

Jan 8th Marty & Lisa Kiesow family

Jan 15th Eugene & Marlene Borgwardt

Jan 22nd Donna Nagel & Harry Bratz
Jan 29th Paul & Tammie Nagel family

Altar Guild: January – Group 5

Sarah Hackmann, Jennifer Pope, Jean Reindl, Janice Wehausen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sun.1st | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| Wed.4th | 5:30 p.m. | Catechism |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Board of Evangelism |
| Sat.7th | 7:00 p.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun.8th | 8:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 8:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Class |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion- Installation of Officers |
| Tues.10th | 7:00 p.m. | Board of Spiritual Affairs |
| Wed.11th | 5:30 p.m. | Catechism |
| Sat.14th | 9:00 a.m. | Take Down Church Christmas Decor. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship |
| Sun.15th | 8:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 8:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Class |
| | 9:00 a.m. | WCUB Broadcast |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |

Happy Birthday

1/2 Diane Smith
1/2 Chad Hackmann
1/4 Larry Hochkammer
1/4 Alan Sieker
1/6 Adam Petersen
1/7 Tanya Bennett
1/7 Sally Propson
1/10 Joshua Petersen
1/10 Addelyn Schaus
1/10 Elsie Schaus

Happy Anniversary to...

1/12 Greg & Rhonda Buechner – 13 Years

If you have a January birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records. Thanks!