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Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

✝ December 25, 2022

10:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***Christmas Proclamation**

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

All: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: Jesus is the light of our lives

P: Sing to God a new song!

All: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

P: For unto us a Savior is born!

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

GATHERING SONG #283 O Come, All Ye Faithful verses 1 and 3

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE#289 Angels We Have Heard on High verses 1 and 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.

6Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,

7and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
8The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
9but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

10Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

11The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."
12They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#272 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" verses 1 and 2

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹The Lord reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**
³Fire goes be- | fore the Lord,
burning up enemies on | every side.
⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**
⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O Lord,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**
⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the Lord, | all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O Lord.

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the | Lord, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the | Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

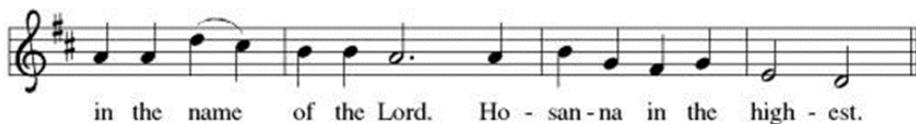
A reading from Titus.

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #270 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" [vs. 1-2]



GOSPEL: Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor

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

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

[¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.]

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN#270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" verse 3

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY#275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory verses 1, 2, & 4

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. Bring peace to Ukraine. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Heal the sick and speed their recovery, especially Bill M., Leslie H, Andrew, Bill F., Bill D., Luke and Emilie; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause). Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled, missing loved ones or grieving, especially the families of Ruth Aiello, aunt of Cindy Davis and Robert Kohlhoff who were both called home to Christ this week. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

(Pastor) Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

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 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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

COMMUNION

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

COMMUNION SONGS

#276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#300 "The First Noel" verses 1 and 2

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.
Amen.

SENDING SONG #288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

This evening we welcome Pastor Bruce Kaifler.

**St Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown invites
St. Andrew's to worship with them on New Year's Day 1/1/2023 at 10am.**

Pastor Paul Downing invites St Andrew's to worship with the St. Paul's community at:

**St Paul's Lutheran Church
309 Patchogue Road
Port Jefferson Station New York 11776-1003**

New Year's Eve service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday 12/31/2022.

**Name of Jesus, First Sunday of Christmas, services of Holy Communion
at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday 1/1/2023.**

***Please note there will be no services on 12/31 or 1/1 at St. Andrew's.**

As Pastor Susan Shelhart has retired and is no longer available for pastoral care or church work at St. Andrew's, Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station will serve as our coverage pastor.

He can be reached Monday through Saturday for pastoral care and emergencies at Cell #347-423-3623. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631-265-2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study : 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967)

Bible Study : 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Poinsettia Flowers
Many thanks to all who contributed poinsettias
to beautify our altar for Christmas.

In memory of Caroline & Richard Mengert by Carolyn & Ken Gableman
In memory of Herbert and Karin Markmann by the Roccisano's
In memory of Leo Fisco, Jr. by Stephanie Roehrig
In memory of Judy Ressemeyer Hinsch by John Hinsch
In thanksgiving for all God's gifts by Lydia & William Moser
In memory of Marion & Carl Schwabe by Priscilla & Donald Schwabe
In memory of Mary & Kenneth Cooke by Priscilla & Donald Schwabe
In memory of Elsi & Henry Keil, by Janis and Marc Raineri
In memory of Chris, Sal & Marguerite Raineri by Janis and Marc Raineri
In memory of Hermann Hahn by Martha Hahn & Family
In memory of our parents, Lee & Al Acker and Emilie & Bill Mathieson by Leslee & Steve Mathieson
In memory of Carl & Eleanora Schoenebaum by Art & Helen Fortin
In memory of Arthur & Lucie Fortin by Art & Helen Fortin
In memory of Gay & Harold Peeders by Art & Helen Fortin
In thanksgiving of our children & grandchildren by Art & Helen Fortin
In memory of our parents by Anita & Herbert Ahrens
In memory of our beloved mother & Oma, Anita Grube by the Klouda & Dilena Family
In memory of Mildred Gustavsen by Grant and Gary Jr. Gustavsen
In memory of Gus Gustavsen by Grant & Gary Jr. Gustavsen
In memory of Emma Doxsee by Gary & Laura Gustavsen
In thanksgiving of our grandchildren; Henry, Camryn and Kyra, Lorelei and Crosby by Gary & Laura Gustavsen
In memory of Elsie & Walter Dorer by Vi Giovinco
In memory of Nanny & Pop, Dad & Mom and Dad DeLuca by Liz, Al & Brian
In thanksgiving of our sons Adam and Eric, daughter in law Holly and grandchildren Megan, Bridget and Tommy by Dotty and Jim Clavell
In memory of our parents Elizabeth and Gottlieb Arthofer and Celia and Tony Clavell by Dotty and Jim Clavell
In memory Anna and Mary Gross by Dotty and Jim Clavell
In memory Archie and Thelma Drew, Joann Drew Johnson and Tim Council by Dotty and Jim Clavell
In memory of Anita Grube Hildegard Henning, Herman Hahn and Leslie Budke by Dotty and Jim Clavell
In memory of my cousin Agnes Tessitore by Dotty
In memory of Stanley Ulc by Marianna Ulc
In loving memory of my husband Roland and loved ones by Violet Lahann
In beloved memory of our parents Archie and Thelma Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In loving memory of our sisters and brother; Karin Elizabeth, Joanne (nee Drew) Johnson and Kenneth Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In loving memory of our grandparents; William & Margaret Cooper and Archer & Ada Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families

In loving memory of our brother and sister-in-law Charles (Tim) Council and Maria Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (25 December 2022)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

The family of Ruth Aiello, aunt of Cindy Davis, who has been called home to Christ [requested by Cindy Davis]

Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf]

Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Luke Meyveci [requested by Dana Sanzone]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cindie & Kathy]

Sara Larson [requested by Julie & Michael Francis]

Danielle Lloyd, Leslie Hansen, Andrew Madarasz, the family of Harald Peeders, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

John Stabile [requested by Lydia Moser]

Amy Gabelman, Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]

Brenda Dugan & granddaughter Chanelle, Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]

Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]

Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]

Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]

Pete Gambitsky, the Rilke family, Sharon Wolf, Dana Stankevitz, Pastor Roger Schleef, Carol Pascale, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]

Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]

Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin