

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME Today is the second Sunday in the 12 days of Christmas and the Sunday before Epiphany. So today we celebrate Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to the nations in the story of the magi, the kings from afar. Let our life be a journey of seeking the light and bringing our gifts to Christ.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ We Three Kings of Orient Are

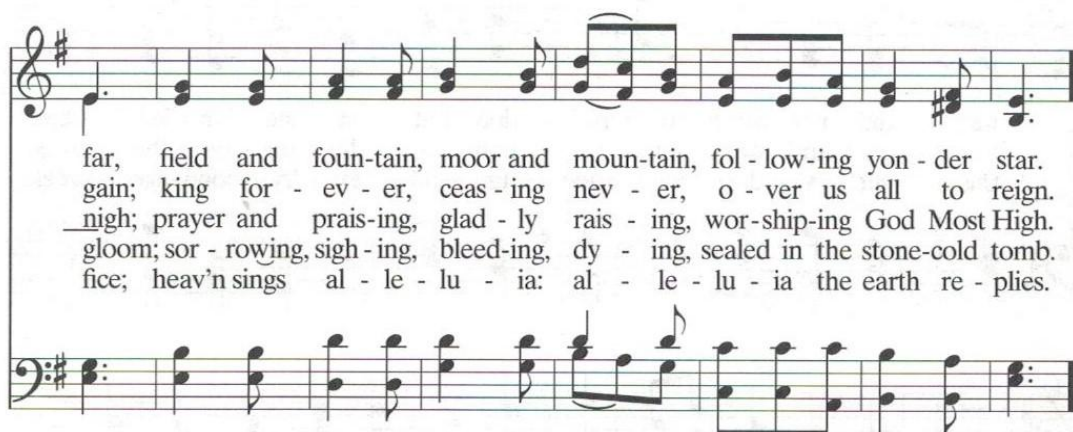
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We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
 3 Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

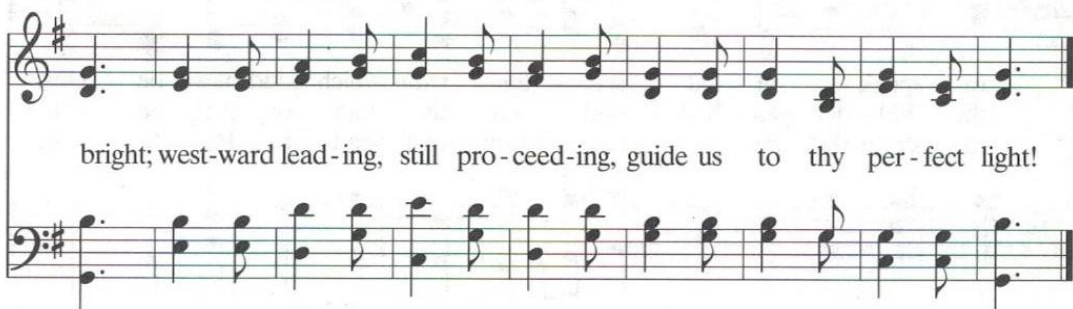


far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low-ing yon - der star.
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 nigh; prayer and prais-ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed-ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west-ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

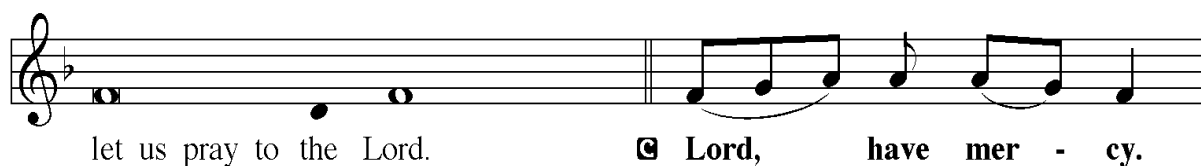
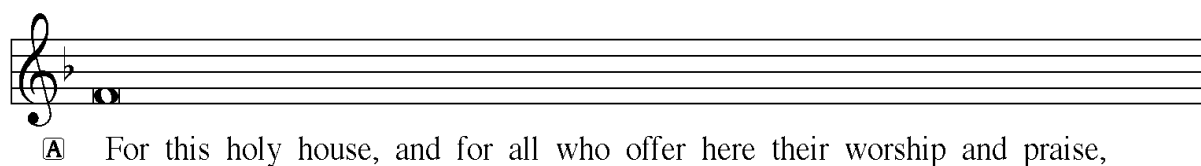
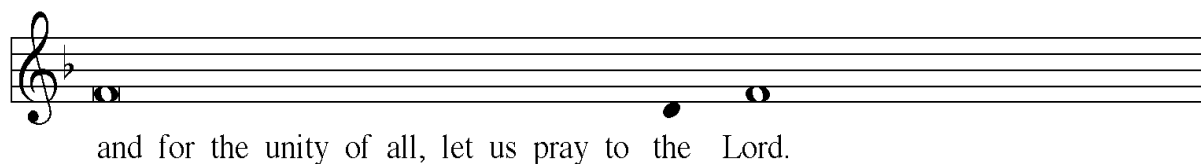
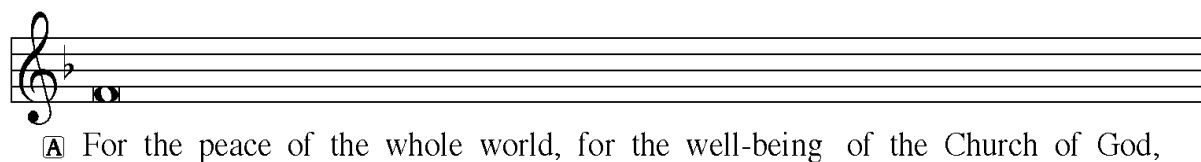
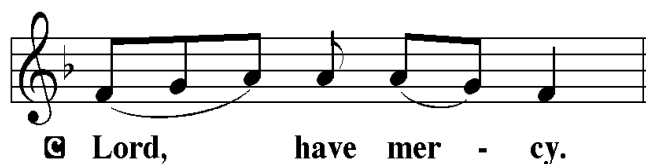
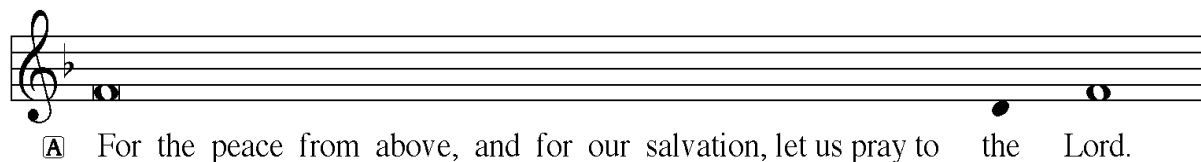
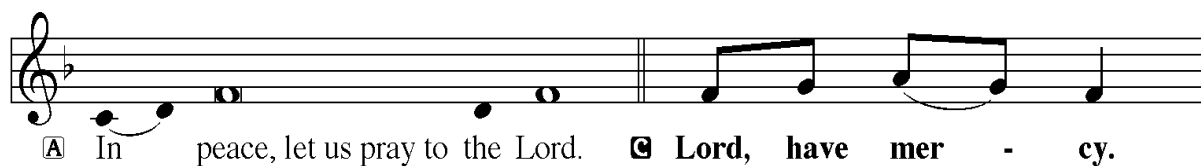
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

***HYMN of PRAISE**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

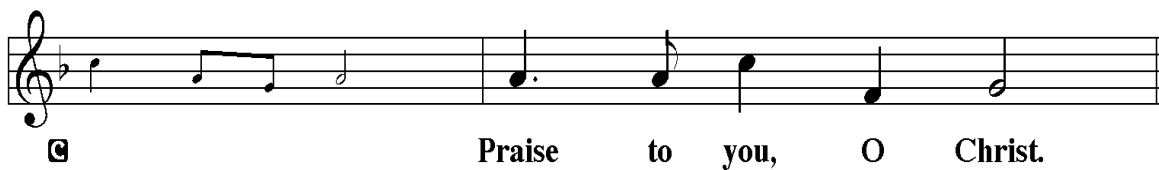
C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

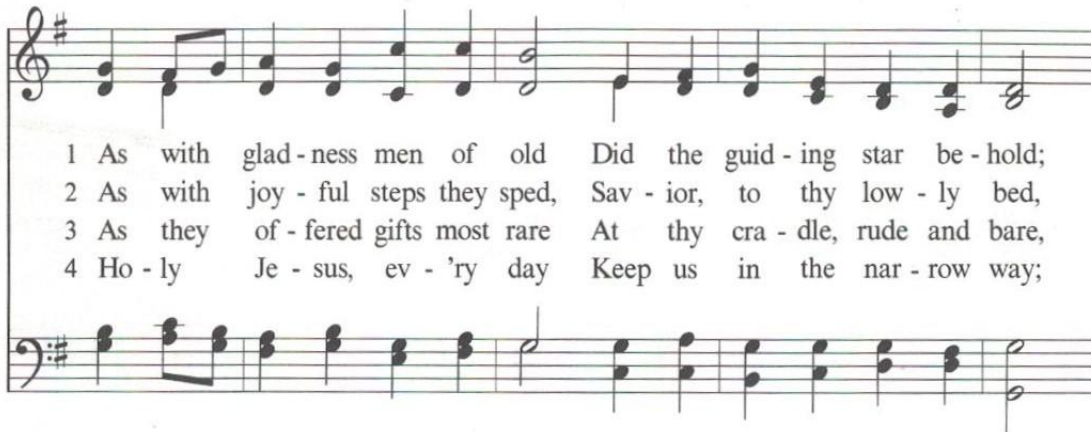


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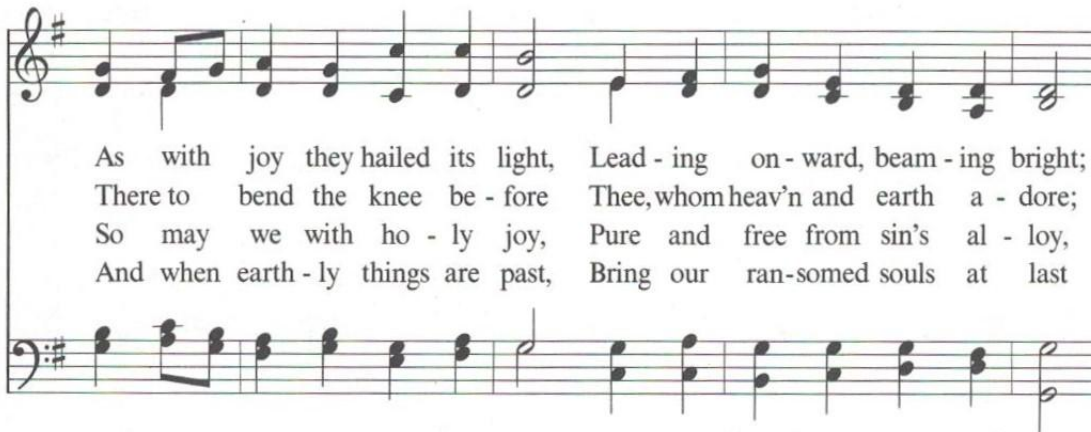
HYMN ~ *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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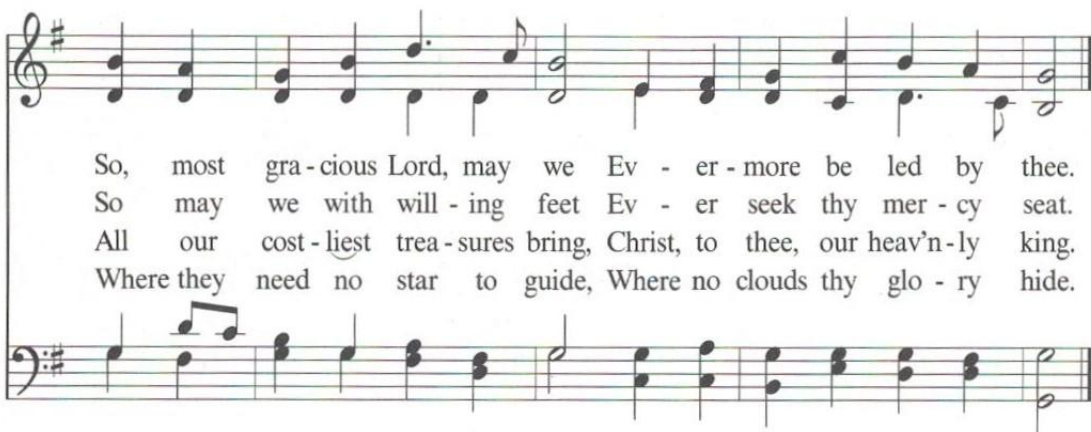
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As with Gladness Men of Old


1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 And when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
 Thou its sun which goes not down;
 There forever may we sing
 Alleluias to our King.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 of the PEOPLE ~ *See Celebrate

P Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time
and space, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end
of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**

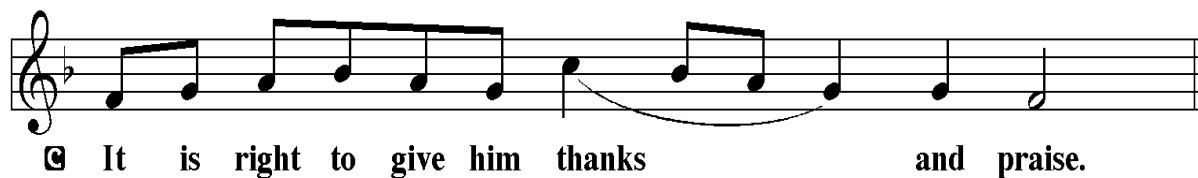
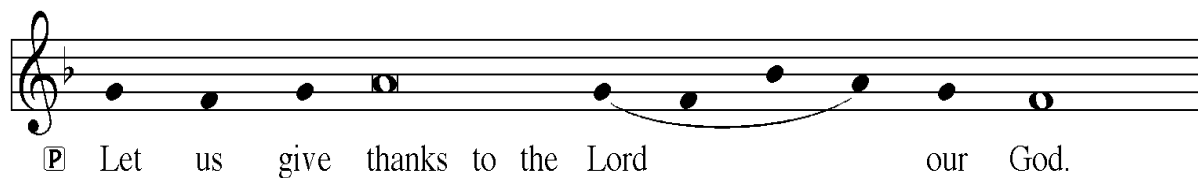
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



***PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

P 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups will be at the end of the front pew.

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN ~ *Away in a Manger

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Away in a Manger**67**

The musical score for the hymn "Away in a Manger" is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, with lyrics written below the notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the sky . . looked
 Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care And fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

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Today

Greeter: Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Next Sunday, January 10

Greeter: Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
John and Brenda Boring in honor of the start of
a brand new, and prayerfully better year.

Please remember in prayer ~Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey (grandchild of Regina Peachey) Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Ohesson), Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

You will find a slip of paper or card in your bulletin on which you can write down the gifts you would like to bring to the Christ Child, the gifts we would like to give and the burdens you would like to lay down at Christ's feet. This is better than a New Years Resolution You may leave them in the gift box when you come up for communion and we will place them at the creche at the end of the service.

UPCOMING SERVICES

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord, Remembering our Baptism, a service of Healing and Wholeness. Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivian Plank died on Christmas Day and her funeral was held here on Thursday. Please keep her children, Kim, Scott, Nate and their families in your prayers, as well as Marge Shilling, during this difficult time.

The January/February newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those members who do not receive it by email.

We thank the outgoing council representatives Denise Chester and Sue Lynch for their service to this church and our Lord. Ed Bilich is serving another term, along with new representative, Nancy Penepacker. Council members are asked to remain for a brief meeting following the service.

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning duties. A sign-up can be found on the table in the narthex. Still needed this month ~ **Lay reader 30th, Altar Care and Altar Flower Delivery.**

St. John's has Meals on Wheels January 25th, 27th and February 1st and 3rd. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help provide the following desserts ~

Tuesday, January 25 ~ 5 dozen Whoopie Pies (any kind)

Thursday, January 27 ~ money to purchase pies

Tuesday, February 1 ~ 5 quart fruit salad and 5 dozen cookies

Thursday, February 3 ~ 5 Angel food cakes (homemade or purchased locally)

Committee sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. There are two new committees this year. They are Mission and Website. Please prayerfully consider serving on one...or possibly two!

January 1 thru December 30, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 19 Offering ~ \$1,125.00
St. John's ~ Income \$203,788.54 Expense \$203,195.84
Net Income \$592.70

Daycare ~ Income \$327,004.34 Expense \$ 303,447.08
Net Income \$23,557.26