

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 29, 2019

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *From Heaven Came the Angels Bright* **LW 52**

1. **From heaven came the angels bright To shepherds watching in the night.
A new born royal child, they said, Lies yonder in a manger bed.**
2. **To Bethlehem, King David's town, As Micah saw, comes great renown;
Your Lord Christ is incarnate there To save you all from sin and care.**
3. **Rejoice, therefore, that through His Son Your God with you is now at one.
He took on human flesh and bone, And you, His brothers, are God's own.**
4. **He never will abandon you. Trust King Immanuel the True.
Yield not to any evil might. Walk in the Christ child's saving light.**
5. **Then in the end you will prevail; God's friends and brothers cannot fail.
In praise to God then raise your voice, Prepare forever to rejoice.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **♫ Amen.**

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

L: You turn man back to the dust, and say, "Turn back, O children of men!"

C: **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in
the night.**

L: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

C: **Satisfy us early with Your steadfast love,**

L: Most merciful Heavenly Father

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you, in our thoughts, words and by our actions.
We have not fully placed our trust in You. Yet we are the reason You came to earth.
Forgive us the sins of which we are aware, and those which are known only to You.
Forgive us. Save us. Empower us to turn from our sins, to follow in Your perfect ways.
Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION** C: **♫ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is**

now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

C: ♪Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪And with Thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. **C: ♪Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 1st Sunday after Christmas is from Isaiah 63:8-9, page 622:

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: ♪Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Galatians 4:4-7, page 974:

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter, verses 13-25, page 808:**

C: ♪Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* LSB 374

1. **Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undeiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

2. **Angels sang about the birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shown brightly forth Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wonderous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**

3. **Gentle Mary laid her child, Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undeiled But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth: Hail the King of glory!**

THE SERMON

Prof. Jeffrey Oschwald

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

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

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside of the back cover of the hymnal)

INDUCTION OF 2020-21 OFFICERS (8:00 & 10:30)

***THE BENEDICTION** C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* LSB 387**

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing. (3x)**
- 2. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love. (3x)**

*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Prof. Jeffrey Oswald

Liturgists: Pastor Dennis A. Kasten and Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Alice Kastens; 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Mullen/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall): Gospel of Luke

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner; 7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

REV. DR. JEFFREY OSCHWALD is our speaker today. Welcome.

MARY/MARTHA BIBLE STUDY will not meet January 2, but will resume on January 9, 2020.

NEW FLOWER ORDERS may be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 12. To order, please contact Tammy Jensen, 892-5610.

KFUO SUNDAYS FOR 2020 have all been reserved. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED next Sunday, January 5, 12:00p.m. to undecorate the church. Thank you! - Peace Couples' Club

YOUTH NEWS: High School Youth join us on Monday, December 30th from Noon - 3:00 for lunch and a movie. Please sign up by today, December 29. Youth Day (6th - 12th Graders) at Hidden Valley will be Sunday, January 12th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 and dinner is included. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by January 6th.

ADULT INQUIRY series begins January 12 with sessions on Sundays. Posted

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2019:

Mon: NO PRESCHOOL OR PDO

Tue: NO PRESCHOOL OR PDO

6:00 New Year's Eve Worship

Wed: **NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY OBSERVED**

OFFICE CLOSED

Thu: 6:30 College Girls Bible Study

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.

Sun: 8:00/9:20/10:30 Worship Services w/Comm