



The Nicene Creed: The Incarnation of the Son January 26, 2025

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Worship Christ, the New-Born King!* arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice/I Saw Three Ships* arr. Craig Curry

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (refrain)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God... in... the... highest: (refrain)
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (refrain)

L: 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.**

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;

Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: Lord God, our Father, draw our eyes to you so that together we may walk from darkness to the light of your face, revealed to us in Jesus, your Son and our brother, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.
Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 72:7, 12, 16-17

L: In his time may the righteous flourish;

C: and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

L: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,

C: the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

L: May there be an abundance of grain in the land, growing thick even on the hilltops;

C: may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and may people flourish in cities like the grass of the field.

L: May the king's name remain forever and be established as long as the sun endures;

C: may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: What Child Is This?

ELW #296

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

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C: 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, 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; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures.

He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through partnerships with other Christians in our local community and as a member denomination of the World Council of Churches. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online - we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Love Has Come*

arr. Tracey C. McKibben

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Caste me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer: C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today, showing all your gentle way.

Refrain: Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim praises to your holy name. (refrain)

3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care. (refrain)

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death with your Spirit's living breath. (refrain)

5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Love Has Come

ELW #292

1. Love has come – a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
3. Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

Beethoven/ arr. Shelton R. Love

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Jodie Tooley

Reader:

Fellowship: Potluck after meeting

Communion Assistant:

Keeping in Prayer... Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Carrie; Sue; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of January 26:

TODAY: Annual Meeting of the Congregation and potluck – following worship

Mon. 1/27: Abigail Circle Bible Study: Noon – 2 pm in the Fireside Room

Wed. 1/29: Confirmation Class from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the sanctuary.

WOW! children’s ministry meets from 6-7 pm in the Social Hall.

Adult study considers spiritual practices 7 pm in the Library

Thu. 1/30: GF Community Band rehearses at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Sun. 2/1: Installation of the 2025 Church Council during worship.

January Special Offering benefits ELCA World Hunger Relief.

Donations to aid victims of the Los Angeles Wildfires can be made at:
elca.org/wildfires.

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