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Worship 8:30 am

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Second Sunday of Christmas

This Week: January 2, 2022 Lessons & Carols

Ushers: Harlan & Sheri Eklund

Readers: Sheri Eklund and **VOLUNTEERS**

Assisting Minister: **VOLUNTEER**

Next Week: January 9, 2022 Holy Communion

Ushers: Harlan & Sheri Eklund

Reader: **VOLUNTEER**

Communion Filler: Judy Faymerville

Communion Assistants: Kelly & Margaret Booge

Mission Statement: "As people of faith Aardahl Lutheran Church will reach out in Christ to our community in caring and sharing.

WELCOME

Good morning! Pastor Pete is on vacation this Sunday so I am filling in today. Our worship service for this morning is a familiar style of service it is a Lessons & Carols service. There are various readings with songs between them and we will need you to help us by reading. During the last verse of each song, would someone please come up to the lectern to read the next passage? Don't be shy, there are seven readings that tell of the story of Jesus Christ coming to us. In the interest of saving paper, the hymns are not included in the bulletin, unless you have a large print bulletin, but are in the hymnals, those are the red books, in front of you. Now let us take a moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We will ring the bell and listen to the prelude.

PRELUDE & RING THE BELL

*GATHERING SONG

It came upon a midnight clear (ELW 282)

Dialogue

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

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

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

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.**

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

**Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world
and in our hearts. Amen.**

LESSONS & CAROLS

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars.

¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

O little town of Bethlehem ELW 279

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SONG

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming ELW 272

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SONG

Jesus, what a wonderful child ELW 297

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

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.

SONG

Angels, from the realms of glory ELW 275

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the

star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

SONG

What child is this **ELW 296**

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SONG

Of the Father's love begotten **ELW 295**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

***OFFERING (ELW 185)**

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 to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Angels we have heard on high **ELW 289**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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AADAHL ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 2, 2022

A warm welcome to all, and especially to visitors this morning. Please sign our guestbook in the back of the fellowship hall and join us for coffee following the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED God calls us to use our Times, Talents, and Treasures to serve him and to love our neighbor. We need you help by signing up on the clipboards for various volunteer duties. Some of the items for worship include: Usher, Reader, Communion Assistant, & Communion Filler. We also need people to sign-up for coffee hour. And one of the ways we keep our costs low is to have people volunteer to help clean the church. Those jobs last for 3 months and there is a clipboard for that too. Thank you so much for giving your time, talents and treasures to keep our church moving forward. God Bless!

Pastor Pete will return from vacation on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNITY

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

Our day to serve at the food shelf will be Monday the 31st from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

CHURCHES UNITED

Churches United needs volunteers. They are open from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. Give them a call at 444-1380. Churches United is taking donations of hygiene products, quilts, clean blankets, towels, etc.

STATISTICS

Will be reported next week.

AARDAHL PRAYER LIST

We use an open format during the service prayers. You are encouraged to pray either out loud or silently any person's name or group of people you wish the congregation to pray for. Also, please take this sheet home and pray for these people throughout the week:

In need of healing: Norm E, Margie A, Bonnie A, Sheryl E, Bob M, Marlene M, Judy H, Joel S, Kelly B, Richard O, Beckie T, Jane R

Those living in care facilities: Judy H., Marlene M., Beckie T., Rose P.

Those who are grieving:

And: Please pray for our Sister Congregation and Seminary in Madagascar, Tsararano Lutheran Church and Betela Lutheran Seminary

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call Pastor Pete. If you have a special prayer request, medical concern, would like a pastoral visit, or would like to become a member of Aardahl Lutheran please call Pastor Pete at 760-6974

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday 3rd

Tuesday 4th

Wednesday 5th

Confirmation 7:15 PM

Thursday 6th

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Kitchen Comm. 12:00 PM

Quilting 1:00 PM

Friday 7th

Saturday 8th

Sunday 9th

Holy Communion 8:30 AM

Coffee Hour 9:30 AM