

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2022
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HYMN **“Joy to the World” (Bells intro)**

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+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong.: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

Cong **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: **Amen.**

+INTROIT+

Psalm 98: 1-4

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

Cong.: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Pastor: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Cong.: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Cong.: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation;

Cong.: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Cong.: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Cong: break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 40: 17-21, 34-38

¹⁷ In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰ He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys. This is the Word of the LORD. **Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

Titus 3: 4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL+

John 1: 1-18

Pastor: The Holy gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O LORD.

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “*This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’*”) ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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HYMN **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (v. 5)**

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PREFACE

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HYMN **“A Great and Mighty Wonder” (v. 1)**

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+LORD’S PRAYER+ (sung)

**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**

+BENEDICTION+

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Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN **“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

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Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



Rev. Patrick W. Poock

Organist: Bill Vlasak

God Bless You and Merry Christmas

Happy Birthday

Caleb Poock 25th

DeWitt Gorman 26th

Meta Green 26th

Bob Wyman 26th (93 years!)

Margaret Greenslade 27th

Sherry Janovec 27th

Linda Wiedenmeyer 27th

Ken Spirduso 28th

Zane Elliott 28th

Rev. Patrick Poock 29th

Alex Boettcher 29th

David DuChane 31st

Kelly Freeman 31st

Eric Simmons 31st

Happy Anniversary

Daniel & Ruth Pope, Sr. 27th (72 years!)

Jason & Alexandra Laser 29th (19 years)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT

FAITH:

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

No Youth Catechism

Wednesday, December 28

No Bible Study

5:00 pm Divine Service

Friday, December 30

Office Closed