

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the savior of the world...

HOLY BAPTISM

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SONG

(hymn) 282

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

stanzas 1 & 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and yet more wonderfully restored it.
In your mercy, let us share the divine life
of the one who came to share our humanity,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

*During Christmas and Epiphany, each reading ends: The word of the Lord
Please respond: Thanks be to God.*

READING

Israel saved by God’s own presence Isaiah 61:1 – 62:3
*To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the
Lord’s salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the
nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth
vegetation.*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang” *arr. David N. Johnson*

GOSPEL

The presentation of the child Luke 2:22-40
*Luke’s narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus’ connection to Judaism.
His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one
who will bring glory to Israel.*

HOMILY

SONG

(hymn) 417

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

BLESING OF THE NEW YEAR

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Let us pray.
Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time,
and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.
Grant that in the new year we may know your presence
see your love at work, and live in the light
of the event that gives us joy forever –
the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

meal

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“No Lullaby Need Mary Sing” *Joseph W. Clokey*
*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in
need. During this time, the table is set. Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering
plates in the aisles.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“What Feast of Love” *(ELW 487)*
stanzas 1 & 2 this week



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord’s Prayer (1975)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

“Lo, How a Rose” *arr. Hiram Titus*

After receiving the bread and wine, you are welcome to kneel and pray at the rail.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you have fed us with the presence of Christ.
Use us as beacons of light and bearers of Christ’s love
for the sake of the whole world. In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

sending

BLESSING

God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
Grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year.
Amen.

All flesh is grass, but the word of God remains forever.
God who is eternal keep you in hope of the resurrection.
Amen.

The past, the present, and the future rest in God’s hands. God guard your
coming in and your going forth, this new year and forevermore.
Amen.

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

SENDING SONG

“Joy to the World” *(hymn) 267*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Your light has come.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

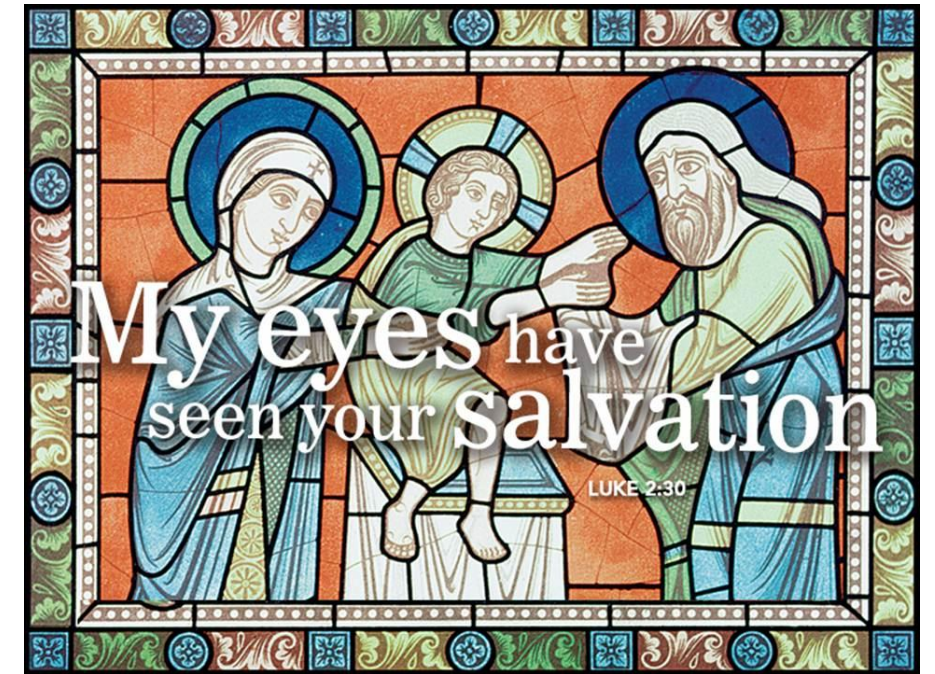
“Joy to the World” (in the style of Vivaldi)

arr. James F. Konkel

Please join us for fellowship in the North Commons following worship tonight.
This service is being streamed live on the internet. www.centralmpls.org

servicing today

Pastor Kristen Jacobson, *presiding*
Berit Aus, *assisting minister*
Vicki Munson, *reader*
Carolyn Diamond, *musician*
George Berglund, *vocalist*
David Molvik, *sound operator*
Jeff and Melissa Blumenshine, *greeters*
Dave and Pat Forse, *host*



HOLY COMMUNION

*Seventh Day of Christmas
The presentation of the child
December 31, 2011*

*Jesus is the burning torch who lights our path
In the psalms all the natural world praises God, including all
humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon
and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what
God is doing in Jesus. Simeon’s song is often sung after
communion, for we have seen God’s salvation in the assembled
community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then,
like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the
healing of the world.*

gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

“Suite of Carols”

Wilbur Held

At the sound of the bell, please stand if you are able.

GREETING

The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and lived among us
And we have beheld Christ’s glory.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

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

happy new year!



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