



December 27, 2020

THE GATHERING

WELCOME TO ALL! May the Good News that God became a man "for us and for our salvation" resound in music and joy today!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: "O Sing of Christ" (Forest Green tune)

1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
 2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred
 3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
 4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth

E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
 Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
 Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
 As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.

Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
 For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
 To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
 Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,

The full - ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
 He came to us as life and light And our re - demp - tion won.
 Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
 That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

THE INVOCATION:

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

C: BLESSING AND HONOR AND GLORY AND POWER BE UNTO OUR GOD FOREVER AND EVER AMEN!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

P: We confess, Almighty God, that we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

C: WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS.

P: We have offended against Your laws.

C: WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE THOSE THINGS WHICH WE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE; WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WHICH WE OUGHT NOT TO HAVE DONE.

P: We confess that there is no health in us.

C: O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

P: Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: AND GRANT, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY LIVE SOBER, UPRIGHT AND GODLY LIVES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.

THE ABSOLUTION (spoken by Pastor)

P: Here is a statement worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". Upon this your confession, I announce the Good News to all of you: "There is born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord." In this Jesus you have been reconciled to God the Father! And so in His name and in His stead I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Glory Be To God in Heaven” (tune Joyful Joyful)

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together....Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; so that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD

CHILDRENS VIDEO

Dismissal to Sunday School 11:00 am

LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

PSALMODY: "Joy to the World" (Psalm 98)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive its King.
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.
 And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let all their songs employ
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord** (*spoken*)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

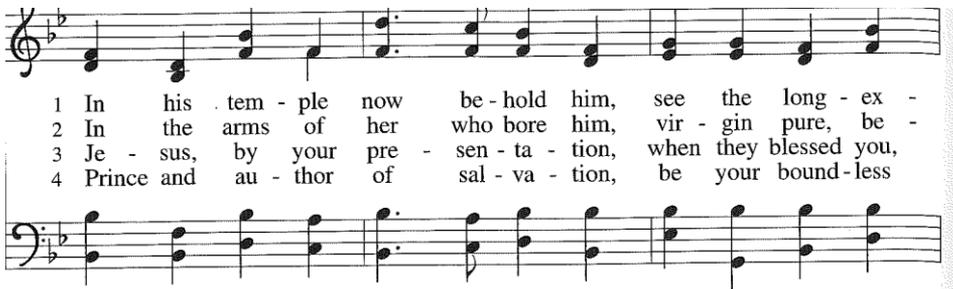
P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ** (*spoken*)

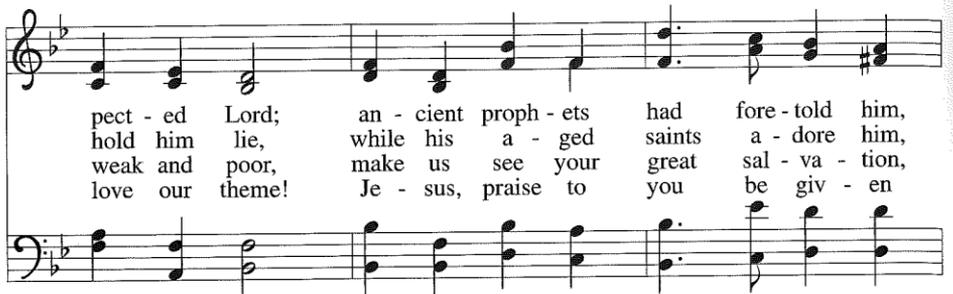


THE SERMON

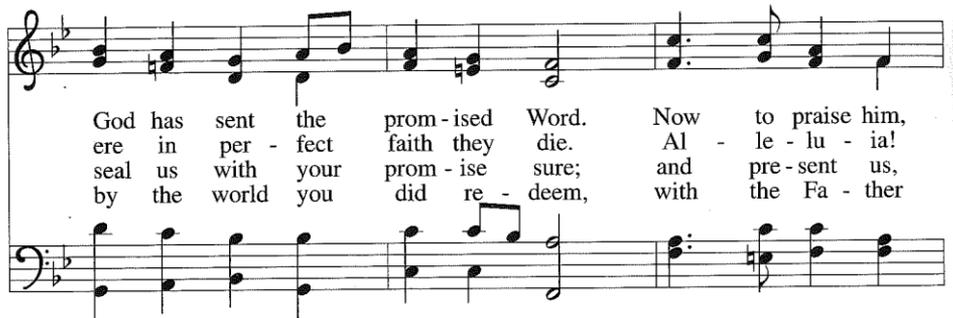
SONG: "In His Temple Now Behold Him" (Regent Sq. #417 ELW)



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
 4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
 hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
 weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
 love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
 ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
 by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

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I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS:

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(silence)

Pastor: For the redemption we have received in the Babe of Bethlehem, for the grace by which you call us sons and daughters, for all your kindnesses which we receive daily,

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Pastor: For open eyes to recognize the gifts you give, for open hearts to receive the gifts you give, for open hands to share the gifts you give,

PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

Pastor: For all those throughout the world who do not know of the gift of your Son,

PEOPLE: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Pastor: For those in need, all who spend this holiday season in want of food, clothing, shelter, companionship,

PEOPLE: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Pastor: For our parish, that we may grow in the knowledge of the infant Christ as our Savior, that we may be sanctified and governed in all things by your Holy Spirit, and that we may be empowered to share with others the material and spiritual blessings you have so freely given to us,

PEOPLE: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(other intercessions may be added)

Pastor: Into your hands. . . Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

Musical Interlude *(as Pastor prepares the table)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

THE PEACE:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

A BLESSING

SENDING SONG: Angels from the realms of Glory LSB 367

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth:
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines His Infant Light. **[Refrain]**

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. **[Refrain]**

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. **[Refrain]**

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. **[Refrain]**

THE DISTRIBUTION an usher will release by rows to come forward. We will release one side of the sanctuary first before beginning other side. You will exit the sanctuary after communion

POST SERVICE MUSIC

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We welcome you to our service today. Please be sure to sign our attendance sheet located at the entrance doors or you may check in via the church app or by texting 740-370-1220.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Noah Maulden (12/28) and Priscilla De Vargas (1/1)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Steve and Kerrie Reinhard (12/29), Brian & Joy Schneck (12/30) and Charles & Ali Albers (12/31)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY: Sophie Hill (12/27), Jeremiah Michaelis (12/28), Isaiah Michaelis (12/28), Renee Dawson-Pilat (12/30) and Bruce Dacre (1/1)

Today at BSLC

Today's Worship Helpers. *Sign up sheet available on counter in hall*

| | 8:30 am | 11:00 am |
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| Communion Assistants | Scott Eggleston | Adam Bok |
| AV | | |
| Usher | | |
| Greeter | | |
| Reader | | |
| Sanitize Team | | |

Upcoming Events

Food Trucks

12/29 Schmidts 11-2

1/7 All Occasions on the Go 11-2

1/18 Roosters 11-2

Blood Drive: redcrossblood.org/bslc

12/29

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We will be undecorating the church on January 10 after late service, if anyone would like to stick around and help out. Contact Tammy Bauermeister or Kate Rogier for details.