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CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 12/25/23, 10:00 am.

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WELCOME !

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ---John 1:14.

Hymn 102 vv. 1-2 O, Come, All Ye Faithful!

Psalm 126

P: When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,

C: We were like those who dream!

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

C: And our tongue with singing.

P: Then they said among the nations, the LORD has done great things for them.

C: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad.

P: Bring back our captivity, O LORD,

C: As the streams in the South.

P: Those who sow in tears

C: Shall reap in joy.

P: He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing,

C: Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Hymn 87 vv. 1 & 2 Joy to the World!

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 18:14-18 People are often intrigued by the “spirit world.” Soothsayers and mediums offer connections to it. It’s the wrong spirit! God’s Son, who became man like us, puts us in connection with the blessed spirit world of the Father! Forgiveness and life! Listen to Him!

Hymn 87 vv. 3 & 4 Joy to the World!

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:1-7 When the time and circumstances were just right, God sent His eternal Son into life on earth. Jesus perfect life and innocent death redeemed all sinners from condemnation. We, who have been mere slaves and children, receive full rights of adult sons and are heirs of His Kingdom! In Jesus, we address Almighty God, as “Abba”--“Dear Father!”

Hymn 647 vv. 1 – 2 O Little Town of Bethlehem!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 *The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem*

P: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed [enrolled for taxation].

C: And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

P: And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

C: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage [family line] of David;

P: To be taxed with Mary his espoused [pledged] wife, being great with child.

C: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

P: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes [strips of cloth], and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

C: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

P: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore [extremely] afraid.

C: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings [information / news] of great joy, which shall be to all people.

P: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

C: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes [strips of cloth], lying in a manger.

P: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!

P: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

C: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

P: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

C: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

P: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

C: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Hymn 647 vv. 3 – 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem!

SERMON: Luke 7:11-17

LIFE ! EVEN IN THE MIDST OF DEATH !

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain, and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came and touched the open coffin, and they who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you arise." So he who was dead sat up! and began to speak! And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us!" and "God has visited His people!" And this report about Him went throughout all Judea, and all the surrounding region.

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and 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 there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? (*Martin Luther, 1529*)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord;

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death;

That I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives, and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN 76 A Great and Mighty Wonder!

Offering

Prayers and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 136 vv. 1-3 Angels from the Realms of Glory!

BENEDICTION

HYMN 136 v. 4 Angels from the Realms of Glory!

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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS IN THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR !

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 12-31-23, 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class
Sunday, 01-07-24, 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 S.Sch.&B.Cl.

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