Offering

Organ Offertory



Prayers

- L: God of grace,
- C: Receive our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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

C: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. Amen.

Hvmn No. 290

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome to Worship



First Sunday of Christmas - December 28 & 29, 2024

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Peace

- L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.
- C: Amen.
- L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

C: God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.

Amen.

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 267

Greetina

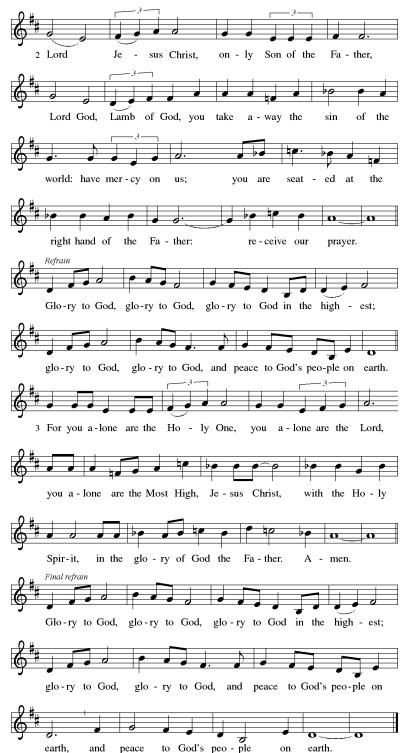
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

"Joy to the World"

C: And also with you.



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Prayer of the Day

C: 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.	
_	First Reading	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 – Pages 214-215
	Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-17 – Page 958
	The Alleluia	Page 216
	Al - le - lu - ia.	Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
	lu - ia. You have	the words of e - ter - nal life.
	Al - le - lu	- ia, al - le - lu - ia.
	Gospel Reading L: The holy gospel accord C: Glory to you, O Lord.	-
	L: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.	Luke 2:41-52 – Pages 833-834
	Hymn No. 296	"What Child Is This"
	Children's Sermon	
	Sermon	Pastor Joel Remmers
-	Hymn No. 298	"The Bells of Christmas"
	Apostles' Creed C: I believe in God, the I	Page 217 Father almighty, creator of heaven and

believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.