

## MESSAGE SONG

*“My Soul Rejoices”* LSB 933

## MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**“SONGS FOR THE NOT-SO-HOLLY-JOLLY**

**MARY: A SONG OF JOY”**

*The Rev. Tyler Werner*

## CLOSING PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

## MEMORY VERSE

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
(Romans 12:2)

## CLOSING SONG “Soon and Very Soon”

1. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!
2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!
3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

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\* \* \* **To God Be the Glory** \* \* \*

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### LEADING WORSHIP

**Presiding:** The Rev. Paul Rieger

**Preaching:** The Rev. Tyler Werner

**Music:** Barbara Mrosko, Organist

**Radio Room:** Todd Voge

**Worship Assistant/Elder:** Steve Mullenex

**Soundboard:** Giovanni Giacomini

## THE CONNECTION

December 13, 2020  
10:30am

**“CONNECTING PEOPLE  
TO CHRIST  
THROUGH GOD’S WORD!”**



## WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

## WORSHIP SONG

**“Someone Special”**

1. Someone Special, I know who:  
That Someone, my God is You!  
Who could make a world like this  
And a heaven full of bliss,  
Someone special I must be,  
Since You made it all for me!
2. Someone Special, that You are,  
To create the Christmas Star,  
Heralding the Savior’s birth,  
Bringing peace and joy to earth.  
Someone special I must be,  
Since You made that Star for me!
5. Someone Special—God and man,  
You were there when I began,  
You’ll be there when I depart,  
For You live within my heart.  
Someone special—now I see,  
That someone is really me.

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## OPENING IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY

P. We begin our service in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us now say together our memory verse.

**All:** <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”  
(Genesis 1:27-28)

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P. Let us come before God as sinful people in need of His love and mercy:

**C. Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We see our sin and remember our shortcomings in love and life.**

P. God our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in Jesus Christ, God’s Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. To those who believe God’s word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. In this name of God, and by His authority, as a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING *Micah 5:2-5a*

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

*(continued...)*

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL READING *Luke 1:46-56*

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

### *Apostles’ Creed*

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

*(Please be seated)*

## TITHES AND OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Together, let us pray the prayer of the day:

**C. Everlasting God, the world rejoices with the Virgin Mary in Your promised, mighty deliverance. Help the Church this day and always to magnify Your holy Name as we trust in Your mercy. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen**

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE 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