

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C. Heavenly Father, even though Bethlehem seemed so small and insignificant, You have made this little town of David important for the entire world. Through this town of Bethlehem, You have given to the world the Savior. Help us daily to see Your work in all things, even the smallest and lowliest things in life. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

MESSAGE SONG

"Once in Royal David's City" LSB 376, vv. 1,2,4

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID:
CHILD OF BETHLEHEM"**

The Rev. Tyler Werner

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

MEMORY VERSE

But test everything; hold fast what is good.
(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

CLOSING SONG

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

THE CONNECTION

December 27, 2020
10:30am

**"CONNECTING PEOPLE
TO CHRIST
THROUGH GOD'S WORD!"**



WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP SONG *"The First Noel"*

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain:*
3. And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain:*
4. This star drew near to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain:*

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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

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LEADING WORSHIP

Pastor: The Rev. Tyler Werner

Music: Kevin Kreger, Organist

Radio Room: Todd Voge

Worship Assistant/Elder: Steve Mullenex

P. Let us now say together our memory verse.

All: 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)

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 *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."

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⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Micah 5:2-5a*

²But 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. ³Therefore 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.

⁴And 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. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 1:1-17*

¹The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

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¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

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