



Reflections

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021

Welcome to the New Year!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this first Sunday of the New Year, in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation.

We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things we are afraid of: worries about health and family, job security and finances.

There is much to look forward to – weddings or anniversaries or baptisms, holidays to enjoy, friends to laugh with.

We gather to worship Emmanuel – God with us. The Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow who will remain with us in the midst of our fears and our hopes.

We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,

We welcome a new year full of uncertainty and hope. Whatever the year holds, we trust You, and we place every day of this year in your care knowing You are with us, caring for us with constant love. We place ourselves into your

keeping and dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

*O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of
infants and children;*

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the
foe and avenger.**

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars you have set in their courses,*

**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

*Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and
honor you crown them.*

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you
have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes
along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:21-40

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents

brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Reflections”

Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN

Love Has Come

**Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;**

what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;

**go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

**Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU SOUP SUPPER

January 17th, 2021

5:00-6:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Soup (and more) to go

A little warmth on a chilly night!

A variety of soups will be available.

****Sponsored by the Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Outreach Committee****



We Lift in Prayer...

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Kenny Drevlow (friend of Bob Tesch); Chet Stone; Roger Bahnsen (brother of Judy Stanley); Mike Waltman (friend of Pastor Deb)
- *Those recovering from COVID, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Kara and Chad (friends of Kendra Malecek); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)
- *Those with on-going health concerns, including John Sunding; Larry Mills, Randy (Shotgun) Schumack, Peg Tesch, Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike & Dianna Baschnagel)
- *For those whom the holiday season is very hard
- *For those in long-term care facilities
- *For our hospital and prison chaplains
- *Our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & health care workers.
- *For all leaders at every level
- *For our siblings in Christ, our friends and our enemies both near and far
- *For the community of Nashville TN

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Today, Sunday, January 3rd

9:30am Online Worship Only- Live on Facebook and YouTube

No Confirmation

No High School Youth Group

Next Sunday, January 10th

9:30am Worship in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa

YouTube: www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa



DOG Night

Online Disciples of God (DOG) Night Christian Education ministry will begin again on January 13, 2021. We have decided we are going to focus on having fun with our online ministry while growing in faith. Skits, puppets and who knows what else will bring God's Word to life!



NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY THROUGH OSL

FROLIC WITH FAMILIES: LITTLE STEPS. BIG FAITH.

Are you a parent of an infant, toddler or preschooler looking for tools to help your little one grow in faith?

You belong here! With the help of the *Frolic* curriculum from Augsburg Fortress and each of you, Pastor Deb will facilitate opportunities for you and your child(ren) to grow in faith together. This ministry might include weekly or monthly videos, activities to do at home, Zoom gatherings or even times to gather in person based on the desires of small group members. We will focus on experiencing Bible stories through reading, songs, dance, and other activities while helping our little ones experience God's love and our love. It is open to anyone from any church or non-church background. Please call Josie at 605-255-4662 or send her a note at osl@mt-rushmore.net to register.

