



A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

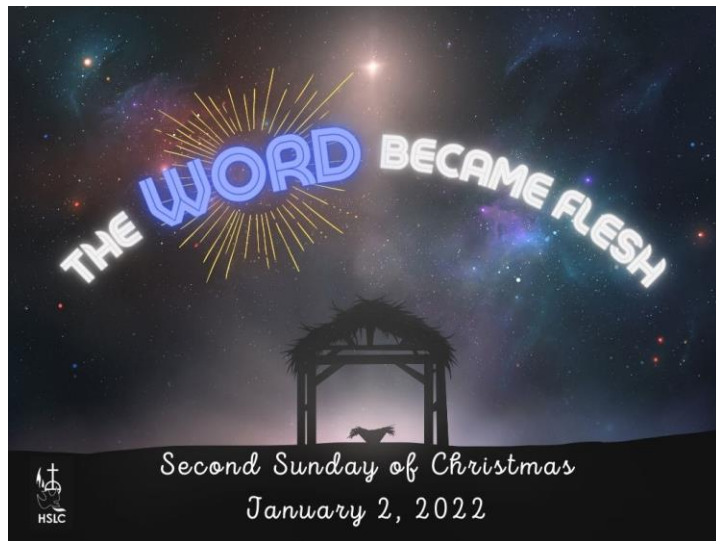
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We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!



Welcome

Gathering Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (ELW 283)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

Second Reading

Psalms 147:12-20

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion, ¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you. ¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly. ¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes. ¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God’s cold? ¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow. ¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.

²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God’s judgments. Hallelujah!

Children's Time

Song “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” (ELW 510)

Gospel Reading

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Sermon – Rev. Trish Schmermund

Song of the Day “Joy to the World” (ELW 267)

Nicene Creed

Prayers

In our prayers: Clarence M, Tom d, Cody M, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Charlotte, Diana M, Pr. Richard R, Darren F, William, Daryl A, Eva H, Teyler D, Jerry B, Wally C, Thompson N, Ted & Bernice Y, Dayna S, Debbie & Elliot, Mike, Amanda-Jane, Kristi, Rod A, Families & staff of our daycare partner, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Pastor: Rev. Trish Schmermund (she, her, hers)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Lindsey Jorgensen-Skakum (they, them, theirs) *on parental leave*

Musician: Kathy Robinson (she, her, hers)

Council President: Toby Schneider (he, him, his)

Ministers: Every Member

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Sharing of the Peace
Offering Prayer
The Lord's Prayer – 17
Rite of Thanksgiving – *FLIP Team*
Community Life
Blessing
Sending Song
"Cold December Flies Away" (ELW 299)
Dismissal

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