

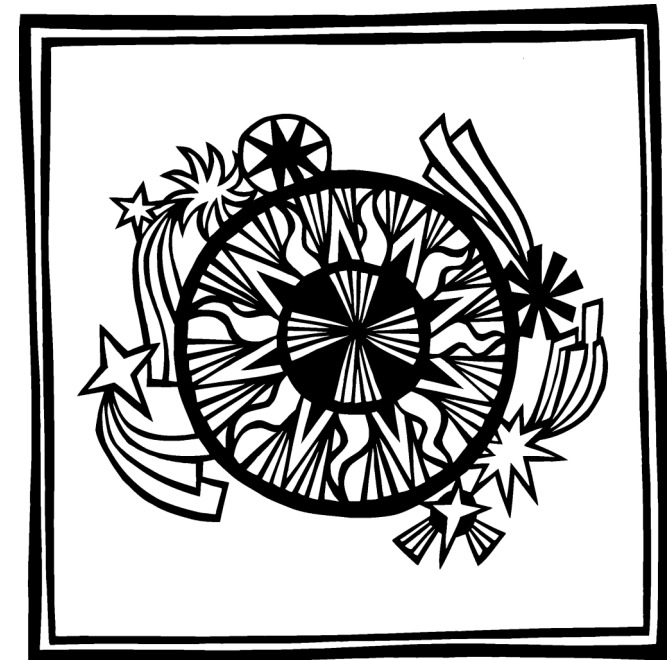
REFLECTIONS



**January 2, 2022**

**10:00a.m. Dwelling in the Word**

Second Sunday of Christmas



***Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community.***

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We are glad to have you worship with us this morning! Please let us know you are here by signing in on the white Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

Prelude *Christmas Carols*

Call to Worship Bell

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

Call to Worship:

What a year this has been!

**C: So many things have happened. Some of them have been wonderful; others very sad.**

In all of this our Lord has been with us, guiding, healing, comforting and rejoicing.

**C: Thanks be to God for God’s continual presence with us.**

Now we are on the threshold of a new tomorrow.

**C: We don’t know what it will hold for us.**

In all of what is to come, our Lord will be with us.

**C: Guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing with us.**

**All: Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and presence.**

Gathering Song *Veni Sancte Spiritus* Hymn 406

Veni Sancte Spiritus. Veni Sancte Spiritus. *[repeated continuously]*

*Translation: Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C: Amen.**

Service Participants

Asst. Minister: Kathy Sieja

Acolyte: Oliver Sieja

Lectors: Jed Deason, Anne Dice, Larry Partesotti, Lara Sieja & Wyatt Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Polly Falkenberg & Peg Skrenes

Greeters/Ushers: Andy Sieja & Tim Sieja

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadly, it's time to take down and put away our St. Mark's Christmas decorations. Beginning this afternoon, all are invited to take down and put away what they can. If necessary, we'll come together on January 8 at 9 am to finish up.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

June Barber	Dennis Fakes	Eric Martin
Jim Brumfield	Pastor Jill Henning	Brian Paulus
Cindy Conrad	Brenda Holsopple	Katy Schroer
Patti Cutter	Rein Ise	Grace Schultz
Vicki Eversmeyer	Meg Jones	Mija Stockman

*If you would like the St. Mark's Prayer Chain to pray for your concern, please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Brenda Holsopple.*

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**C: we confess our sin before you.  
We replace compassion with competition.  
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.  
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.  
We have not put on love in harmony with you.  
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.  
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,  
that all we do, in word or deed,  
may reflect your love born among us.  
Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:  
God has come among us  
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.  
✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven  
and you are clothed in peace.

**C: Amen.**

Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Hymn 157

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

One: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

One: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

One: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

One: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**All: Amen.**

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Prayer of the Day (unison)

Almighty God, **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. In this new year, we lay down our past before you and embrace the future of your promise. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

WORD

Children's Message

*All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.*

Dwelling in the Word

Introduction

Song *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Solo

Lighting of the Candle of Regret (*silence*)

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1, 6-8 (Pew Bible pp. 537-538)

Song *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Hymn 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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Lighting of the Candle of Forgiveness (*silence*)

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-15 (Pew Bible p. 958)

*Bread for the Broken*

*Cantor will sing the verses; All will sing the refrain.*

*Refrain*

**Bread for the broken  
Wine for the wounded  
The Body and Blood of our Lord  
Jesus the servant  
Brings love to the table  
And healing for all is restored**

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*Please stand*

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

Blessing

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through ✠ Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Song *Ubi Caritas* Hymn 642

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *We Three Kings*

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us...

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Invitation to Communion

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers as we commune together. Also, please know you are welcome to receive a blessing instead of partaking in communion as a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and grace for you. These are the gifts of God for all.*

## Communion Songs

### Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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## Song

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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## Lighting of the Candle of Promise (*silence*)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3 (Pew Bible pp. 585-586)

## Song

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn 528

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You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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## Lighting of the Candle of Hope (*silence*)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:24-27 (Pew Bible p. 919)

## Song

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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## Lighting of the Candle of Love (*silence*)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:19 (Pew Bible p. 991)

## Song

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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## Time of Reflection

### Song

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

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## Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Petitions will be concluded with:*

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you,  
confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you.**

*Please extend a greeting of welcome and a word of grace to those around you.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

### Offering Song

*Silent Night*

*Please stand*

## Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,  
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
prepare us to receive the grace and truth  
you offer at this table  
and renew in us the song of your salvation,  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface for Christmas/Holy, Holy, Holy

Leader:

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Anne Krentz Organ

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## Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**