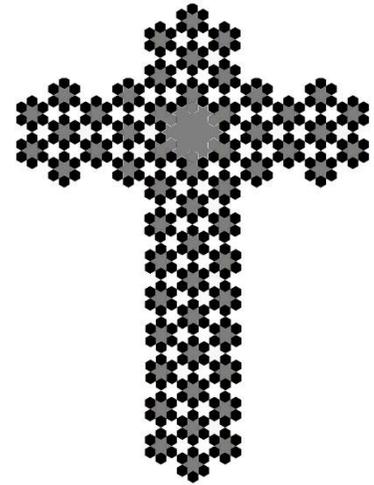


# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new to our congregation:** Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**If you read music:** if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Getting to know each other:** Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Divinum Mysterium*

Wilbur Held

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

GATHERING HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

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*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

***Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.***

***He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please be seated.]*

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

**P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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***Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 147:13-21, Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18  
*[Please be seated.]*

### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 61...*

I surely rejoice in the Lord; my heart is joyful because of my God, because he has clothed me with clothes of victory, wrapped me in a robe of righteousness like a bridegroom in a priestly crown, and like a bride adorned in jewelry. As the earth puts out its growth, and as a garden grows its seeds, so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch. Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the Lord's own mouth will determine. You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

*[Tune: O for a thousand Tongues]*

***Worship the Lord, Jerusalem, Praise God, O Israel;  
The Lord has made your gates secure And blessed your children well.***

***Upon your borders, God makes peace, The wheat fields give us flour;  
You, Lord, send your command on earth, Your word speeds forth with power.***

***Who can withstand the freezing cold, The hoarfrost, hail, and snow?  
Yet when you send your word and wind They melt and waters flow.***

***You give to Israel your word, Your just decrees, but yet  
You have not shown to other lands Your law. Alleluia!***

## The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Galatians chapter 3...*

Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian. But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Word of God*

*[Please stand.]*

℣ ***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

## The Gospel

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace; as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Cindy Roehl

*[Please be seated.]*

**SERMON HYMN**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

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*[Please stand.]*

***O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

***The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.***

***O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see face to face.***

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

☐ As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us, from long ago and until the end of time.

☐ Wonderful Counselor, we pray for laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ, that each and every one will hear and heed the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

☑ **Give us strength of heart, mind, body and soul to join you in preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating the oppressed, and announcing that the year of your favor has come to all the earth.**

☐ Mighty God, we pray for your church. Fill us and all those who worship you with truth compassion. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in any thing we are amiss, reform us.

☑ **Where we are in the right, strengthen us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us.**

- Ⓐ Everlasting Father, we lift to your heart those who suffer from any grief or trouble, [especially . . . *read names from notebook...*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time...*]. Empower us, in your name, to give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- ⓐ **Help us to be the answers to their prayers when they cry out to you.**
- Ⓐ Prince of Peace, we joyfully celebrate the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. We give you thanks today for the flowers given to your glory, and for all the blessings of this life.
- ⓐ **Give us the grace to see your divine presence so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of joy.**
- Ⓐ King of Kings, we pray for those who have died, [especially . . . *add names from notebook...*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time....*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ⓐ **Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and help us in obedience to your will to follow the good examples of the saints who have gone before us.**
- Ⓐ Lord of lords, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
- ⓐ **Give them grace, compassion and will to strive for peace and justice, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.**
- Ⓐ Rejoicing in the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the One who will reign forever and ever.
- ⓐ **Hallelujah! Lord our God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

*[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand.]*

- Ⓟ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ⓐ **And also with you.** [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

☐ Let us with gladness bring the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY

*[Please be seated.]*

### PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]*

☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*The First Noel*

***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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.***

***Then entered in those wise men three,  
full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

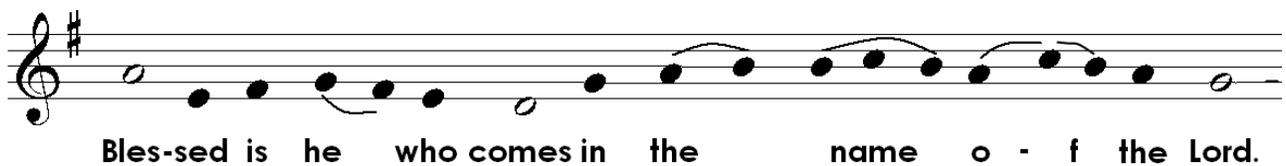
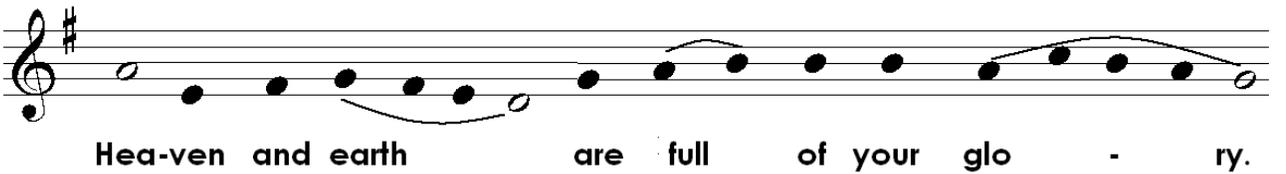
☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☐ We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



*[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]*

☐ Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, and as a father cherishes his family, you would not forget us. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

☐ On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



***In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.***

***Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.***

***What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him--give my heart.***

**COMMUNION CHANT**                      *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord*  
*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

***Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord; Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord;  
Peoples, nations! Alleluia!***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all mankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**  
*[Please stand.]*

**P** May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over creation and heals the world, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

*Refrain*

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,  
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*

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

*Refrain*

**THE DISMISSAL**

☐ Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Swiss Noel*

Louis-Claude Daquin

## **SERVING Us TODAY**

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte	Pat Cates
Chalicians	Terry Eldridge
	Indra Eldridge
Lectors	Carolyn Hughes
	Mary Ratliff
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Prayer Team	Carey Cheritvch
	Susan Howat
Greeters	Donna Pylman
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Welcome Center	Joe & Betty Lombardo
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