

A Weary World Rejoices
1st Sunday of Christmas, 2024



Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

Prelude *Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?* ~ David Willcocks, arr. Nathan Cleaveland

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We, the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church, acknowledge and honor the Tiwa (tee-wa) and Piro (pir-oh) peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning. We honor all our Indigenous siblings in New Mexico, who have and continue to care for this place and call it their home.

Gathering Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ~ ELW 270

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

Hymn of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory* ~ ELW 275

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with You

And also with you

God of grace, shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God’s service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the loan that she made to the Lord," and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

The Psalm will be spoken responsively

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
fixing their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will.**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,
Em - man - u - el, God is with us,
blessed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

Now every year [Jesus's] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ~ ELW 288

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried,
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.

Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and 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 dead, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

*Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace,
and you may respond, receive our prayer*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

God-with-us,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

✠ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

Holy Infant's Lullaby ~ Norman Dello Joio (Erin Reil, soprano)

Offering Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World – ELW 726, vss. 1-2

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Light Dawns on a Weary World'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the first two verses, and the last two staves are for the final two verses. The lyrics are: 1. Light dawns on a weary world when 2. Love grows in a weary world when eyes be - gin to see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. hun - gry hearts find bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Light dawns on a weary world: the Love grows in a weary world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes. prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.

Offering Prayer

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Words of Institution

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Twos in the Moon of Wintertime ~ ELW 284

What Feast of Love ~ ELW 487

Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **Amen.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Benediction

The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,
and increase your joy, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God

Postlude

Sing with joy, glad voices lift! ~ Hermann Schroeder

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church!



As God's forgiven people:
We welcome all in Christ's love.
We grow together in faith and life.
We go out to love and serve others.



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