





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

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January 2, 2022

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

## Welcome

### *The First Noel*

*ELW 300*

- 1 The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay,  
In fields where they,  
Laying their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep.  
Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!**
  
- 2 They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!**
  
- 3 Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently 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!**
  
- 4 Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven  
And earth of naught  
And with His blood**

**Mankind hath bought.  
Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!**

### **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Our heavenly Father chose us in him before the foundation of the world.
- C** **Yet we choose to walk our own paths and desires.**
- P** He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ.
- C** **We choose rebellion, isolation, and stubborn independence.**
- P** He has lavished grace upon us and forgiven our trespasses.
- C** **We have hurt our brothers and sisters and held tightly to the hurts they have brought upon us.**
- P** In him we have obtained an inheritance,
- C** **Yet we squander our gifts and abuse our stewardship.**
- P** For all this,
- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.*

- P** The apostle Paul tells us that not only did God choose us in Christ, he chose us before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before him. Because we are Baptized into Christ Jesus we have redemption through his blood and the promise of forgiveness, salvation, and the Holy Spirit who guarantees our eternal inheritance. Baptized and redeemed children of God, in the stead and by the command of Jesus I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live out your lives in Christ confident that you serve his purpose to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
- C** Amen

### **Sharing of the Peace**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** We share Christ's peace with one another.

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
‘LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup>See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor;  
a great throng will return.

<sup>9</sup>They will come with weeping;  
they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel’s father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

<sup>10</sup>“Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:  
‘He who scattered Israel will gather them  
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD will deliver Jacob  
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.

<sup>12</sup>They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;  
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—  
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,  
the young of the flocks and herds.  
They will be like a well-watered garden,  
and they will sorrow no more.

<sup>13</sup>Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into gladness;  
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will satisfy the priests with abundance,  
and my people will be filled with my bounty,”  
declares the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-11*

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the

forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 1:10-18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and <sup>[a]</sup> is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

### Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

*LSB 386*

**1** Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth

Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art!  
Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me;  
I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit,  
O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit,  
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee!  
Draw me unto Thee!

3 Now through His Son doth shine  
The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us  
Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us  
A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there!  
May we praise Him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found?  
Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing  
With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing  
In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there!  
Oh, that we were there!

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

### Preface

*spoken*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

- ☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

*We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.*

**What Feast of Love**

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**
  
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!**
  
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LSB 380

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” *Refrain*

*ref Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the\_incarinate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

*God Loves Me Dearly*

LSB 392

1 God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. *Refrain*

*ref Therefore I’ll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.*

2 I was in slav’ry,  
Sin, death, and darkness;  
God’s love was working  
To make me free. *Refrain*

3 He sent forth Jesus,  
My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus  
And set me free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

5 Now I will praise you,  
O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise you  
All my life long. *Refrain*

*Let Our Gladness Have No End*

*LSB 381*

1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!  
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia! *Refrain*

*ref On this day God gave us  
Christ, his Son, to save us;  
Christ, his Son, to save us.*

2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!  
God has sent him as foretold, alleluia! *Refrain*

3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!  
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! *Refrain*

4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!  
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*LSB 388*

*ref Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessèd Christmas morn. *Refrain*

## Announcements

## Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

## Serving in Worship This Morning

January 2, 2022

**Pastor:**

Jason Neel

**Elder:**

Jeff Williams

### In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jim Gunderson 1/4, Sabrina Kretch 1/4, Bridget Smith 1/6, Anna Brynteson 1/7, Oliver Welle 1/7, and Gabriel Jauch 1/8.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this week:** Leona Stockwell 1/3 and Barb Bassing 1/7

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Grief Share
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Event: Spaghetti Lunch and Games.
	6:00 p.m.	Everyone His Witness Event

### Notes of Information:

**Everyone His Witness:** On Sunday Jan 9th and 16th from 6:00 - 8:30 PM, we will be exploring the *Everyone His Witness* module "Witnessing to Dechurched Adult Children." The goal of this module is to help parents and grandparents have conversations about Jesus with sons and daughters who have left the faith in which they were raised. If you have family members who were once connected to the church and have stepped away, we highly recommend this resource to prepare you for conversations that might pave the way for the Spirit to lead them back to lives connected to the body of Christ.

**Fellowship Opportunity:** Join us following Education hour January 9 for a spaghetti lunch and with games to follow. There is a sign up in the Narthex.

**NACE Personal Hygiene Drive:** If you would like to donate items at church for Beth Gerard's NACE drive there is a box in the Narthex that items can be put into.

Please donate full sized items for this drive such as Shampoo, Body Wash, Feminine Hygiene items, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

**Tornado Relief:** Wes and Sheryl Johnson are leaving on a mission trip to deliver goods to Kentucky to provide some relief to those who were affected by the recent tornados. They are planning on traveling through Paducah, KY to deliver 70-100 quilts to those homeless. The FEMA trailers will be arriving the first week of January. They will need bedding, towels, etc.. We have plenty of quilts, but there are other essentials. If you would like to donate goods or money towards this mission, please reach out the Sheryl or Wes.

**Adopt a Student Address:** The Stewardship Board has received inquiries about an address for our assigned Seminarian. Those wishing to send a Christmas card, note of encouragement, and/or a small gift, may use the following address: Jonathan and Stephanie Chapa, Campus Post Office Box, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis Missouri 63105-3196. Thank you for your interest. The love and generosity in our church family is truly amazing!

**Book Club:** The book for January will be *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend our book review. Call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652 if you have any questions.

**Church Library:** The library is available for your use whenever the church is open. The only time it is closed is on Sundays between 10:45 and 11:30 a.m., when the room is used by the Sunday School, and occasionally when a group is meeting there. The fiction and non-fiction sections have been alphabetized and have begun to be checked out. Depending on feedback, the other sections, which have categorical color-coded tape on the spines, may be reorganized, or downsized. As space allows, donations of books may also be accepted. Especially popular, so far, are Christian fiction and non-fiction, such as biographies. Lois Spadgenske encourages your comments and/or questions at 763-757-5377 or [SecondTim.1.5@Gmail.com](mailto:SecondTim.1.5@Gmail.com).

**Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD):** Are available for people 70 1/2 years or older. QCD's are donations from IRA's directly to the charity. Spirit of Christ is a qualified charity. The donations are nontaxable, but also not deductible as charitable donations. Check with your financial advisor for information.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** So far this year SoC has had \$3259 designated from Thrivent Choice funds. Thank you!

If you are eligible, you can specifically choose an organization, such as Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church. Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. To direct those dollars, log onto <http://www.thrivent.com>. Under **What We Offer**, choose the **Generosity** tab. Then choose **Choice Dollars**.

**Stewardship:** is the expression of our desire as Christians to contribute to the mission and ministry of the church. Serving and giving are important parts of our Christian life. We are equipped to give of ourselves through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. St. Paul reminds us, "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal thru us." 2 Corinthians 5:20.

**Grief Share:** Grief Share is a grief recovery support group that has meetings across the country and worldwide. Spirit of Christ began its own Grief Share group that will meet Thursdays from 3-5pm. We are asking \$15 free will donation to cover the cost of the workbook. Please contact Pam Birkholz at 612-270-1623 with any questions or to reserve your spot.

**NACE:** Do you know someone in need of food? NACE is expanding their Home Delivery Program and would like to help those who may not be able to drive or find a ride to the food shelf. The Delivery Program brings a complete grocery order right to your door, including produce, bakery, meats, dairy, canned goods, and hygiene products. If you or someone you know could benefit from NACE Home Delivery please call Katie @763-434-7685 or e mail at [kritchel@nacefoodshelf.org](mailto:kritchel@nacefoodshelf.org)

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org). Check them out if you are not able to make it to drive in worship or would like to avoid a paper bulletin!

**Main Street Living:** Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The broadcast has two parts. Remastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries "This is the Life" program was originally aired from the 1950's to the 1980's. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format. The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. 9  
+ Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

**Offerings via Give+:** Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more.

"The Lutheran Hour" can be heard at 6:00 a.m. Sundays on WCCO radio

<b>December 26</b>	
Average Offering	\$5678
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$5921</i>

**Readings for next week:**

Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



Supporting NACE Food Shelf

## PERSONAL HYGIENE DONATION DRIVE

Help us collect personal hygiene items for NACE Food Shelf. Drop off any of the items listed below and as a thank you, take cookies and hot chocolate home with you after drop off!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**  
**11 AM - 1 PM**  
**12611 TYLER CIRCLE BLAINE MN 55434**

**Most needed items:** Body soap ● Deodorant ● Toothpaste  
Toilet paper ● Sanitary pads ● Tampons ● Diapers size 3,4,5  
Only regular size containers. Please no travel sizes.

Special thanks to Thrivent Action Teams for generously sponsoring the donation drive.  
Questions? Email Beth at [rbgerard@comcast.net](mailto:rbgerard@comcast.net).





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