

Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Road † Church Office - 495-2221

Office Hours - Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Gathering Song *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

Pastor: To us a child is born.

CONG: TO US A SON IS GIVEN

P: The Savior of the world has come.

C: THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US.

P: The light shines in the darkness.

C: AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.

ALL: SING IMMANUEL, FOR GOD IS WITH US.

Song *Love Has Come*

1. Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the
Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their
song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior! Love! Love!
Glory to God on high.
2. Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and
free Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are
seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love!
Praise to you, God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the
divine life of the one who came to share our humanity,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

Children's Sermon

Children please stay with parents.

Jacob Oglesby

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

*Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Living Expectantly

Pastor Hohag

*Hymn of the Day

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

1. O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.
2. Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
till all your saints shall gather upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the blessed day-star, shall light them evermore.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He 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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Hear our prayer**

MEAL

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracio us love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

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

Distribution Hymns

See communion instructions.

Insert

*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

It's so good to be able to see one another. Remember to remain 6 feet apart and as
hard as it is, do not congregate. Please wear your mask.

Holy Communion Instructions- Holy Communion Instructions-Please keep your
mask on as you approach for Holy Communion. Come down the center aisle and
receive a wafer (whole wheat or gluten free) with open hands. Then an assisting
minister will place a prefilled glass (wine or grape juice) on the altar rail in front of
you. Remove your mask there and have communion. Replace your mask as you
return to your seat.

Offering-the offering box is located by the Baptismal font.

Visitors-If you are a visitor please sign the visitor sheet at the table at the entrance,
tear off and place in basket. Thank you and welcome!

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of
Kathy Steinke's Birthday and George Kerstein's Birthday*