

Black Forest Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

Kyrie P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Cong: Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh
and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do;
through your Son, Jesus Christ 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.* Pastor Ken

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-10

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-12

*Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel John 1:10-18

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *Who is this Jesus?* Jacob Oglesby

*Hymn of the Day *There was the Word*
Verses: Solo Refrain: Congregation

1. Before there was earth or water or sky.
Before there was how or where or why.
Before there was woman. Before there was man.
Before there was "no". And before there was "Oh yes I can".
There was the word.

2. Then came creation. Then came the fall.
Then came the flood and then came the call.
Then came the promise. Then came the land.
Then came captivity. And then came the wilderness band.
And there was the word.

**Refrain: And the word became flesh. And the word became bone.
And the word... became one of its own.**

3. Some called him Savior, some called him King.
Some called him the one who would change everything.
Some called him Truth, some called him Grace.
Some called him the Light to enlighten the whole human race.
And there was the word. **Refrain**

4. Wherever falsehood is turned into right.
Wherever blindness is turned into sight.
Wherever death is turned into birth.
Wherever warfare is turned into peace on this earth.
There is the word. **Refrain**

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 gracious 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

Benediction

*Sending Song *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3. In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

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