

In loving honor of:

Charles & Jane Arnold by Denny Llewellyn

The Ministry of the Reverend Christine Sutton by the Martin Family

In thanksgiving:

By George & Edna Yatsko

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in memory of

Dale Jones and Ethel & Robert Riemensnyder by Carol Jones.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

9:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful* # 83 (verses 1,2,3)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Glory to God - *Angels we have heard on high* # 96 verses 1,2,3

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *(The people sit.)*

THE FIRST READING: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: *Psalms 147 Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

The 2009 Christmas Flowers

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME & MERRY CHRISTMAS Thank you for celebrating the gift of Christmas with us this evening. We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas Season!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed for the holiday and vacation until Tuesday January 5th. In case of emergency you may contact Father Major at 654.3261 or Jennifer Martin at 675.9528.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS Please remember that according to IRS regulations, all contributions and pledge payments must be received in the church office by December 31 in order to be credited towards 2009.

The Greening of the Church is dedicated to the glory of Almighty God

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In thanksgiving:

Christine Sutton by her family.

Minda, Ryan, husband George and children Cori & Tara by Therese Gwilliam

- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you

are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* # 107

THE GOSPEL: *John 1:1-18* (The People Stand)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON—The Reverend John Major

THE NICENE CREED (*All Standing*)

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: *JOY TO THE WORLD* #100

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Following the hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer and reflection.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from the Fifth Organ Symphony.....C.M. Widor

MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Reverend John Major
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Soloist	Tiffany Zehner
Lector / Intercessor	Tara Gwilliam
Eucharistic Minister	Beverly Cushner
Acolytes	Lindsey & Kelly Jacobs
Ushers / Oblationers	TBA

*but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (S164)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

A period of silence is kept.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

As the communion musical selection begins please walk the aisle and join with your sisters and brothers at the Table of the Lord to share in the Gifts of God for the People of God.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

This song is located in the pew rack. Please join in sing verses 1, 2, refrain and 3.

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.*

*He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our heart this Christmas season, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the believing community throughout the world, especially those in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and to bring peace to our earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the church gathered in this place, that we might always hear the Good News of God's living presence in our world, towards deepening of Christmas faith and living that faith in love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yokes of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war; and for all our brothers and sisters in any need, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts this night, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the homeless, and for the children both in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all God's people. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the dying among us, and for those who care for them, that God whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross might bless them with the gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer**

Celebrant: All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born, our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY—*The Assembly may be seated.*

“Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.”

The ushers now come forward to accept the offering plates and begin to collect the people’s gifts of treasures. The Gift Bearers also come forward at this time to present the people’s gifts of bread and wine.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY: PRAISE GOD #380 VS 3

Following the offertory selection please stand and sing Hymn #380, verse 3 only, as the people’s treasure is presented.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* (S130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

***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,***