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in Faith, Hope, and Love**

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*January 1, 2022*  
*Name of Jesus*

# Gathering

## ✘ INTRODUCTION

*From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.*

## ✘ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of life,

**C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**C Amen.**

## ✘ GATHERING HYMN **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds** (ELW#620) vs. 1 - 3

## ✘ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

✘ **GLORIA – Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW#275)**

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

✘ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Word

✘ **FIRST LESSON – Numbers 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✘ **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✠ **SECOND LESSON – Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.*

✠ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW#290)**

**Refrain:**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

✠ **GOSPEL – Luke 2:15-21**

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

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

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## ✘ SERMON

### ✘ HYMN OF THE DAY – That Boy-Child of Mary (ELW#293)

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### ✘ APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

A With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy God, you have given the church the holy name of Jesus, and in him we are your beloved children. Unite us in mission through the power of his Spirit. Make us worthy of the name we bear, the name in which we pray. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Renewing God, restore your glory to the earth. Awaken humanity to our kinship with all living things that depend on your provision. Teach us to care for the earth and safeguard its treasures for those who come after us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Peacemaking God, reconcile the nations. Lead those in conflict into negotiation, especially in areas of religious or ethnic strife. End acts of aggression and violence carried out in your name. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Delivering God, rescue our siblings in any danger, especially in communities where disaster and disease threaten. Move those in authority to respond with speed and compassion. We pray for the safety of first responders, health care workers, and all who protect us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or health condition. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Saving God, redeem us and grant us eternal peace. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your undying love, made known to us in Jesus our Emmanuel. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**C Amen.**

## ✘ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## ✘ OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world.*

*After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward. Please stand, as you are able.*

## ✘ OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.

Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.

Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C Amen.**

# Meal

## ✘ 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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ✠ **SANCTUS – Hark the Herald Angels Sing (ELW#270) vs. 3**

Hail the heaven born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn king!”

### ✠ **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup...

We look with hope for his coming.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit....

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours...

one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### ✠ **LORD’S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

### ✠ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

### ✠ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

✘ **COMMUNION HYMN – Jesus, the Very Thought of You (ELW#754)**

✘ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,

C **Amen.**

✘ **BLESSING**

P God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send  
peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✘ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✘ **SENDING HYMN – The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW#538)**

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✘ **DISMISSAL**

P Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias
Assisting Minister:	Kris Davies
Lay Reader:	Steve Curry
Communion Cup Holder:	Cassi Bennett
Usher:	Julie Bothun
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## **Monthly Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall**

**Next Session:** Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

*We will begin a four-session study based on the Ten Commandments. This study will help us see that the Commandments are more than they appear at first glance.*

**Session One:** Dancing the Decalogue – Commandments 1 and 2.

Bring a friend and a Bible. Contact Hattie at [hattie.hammer@sbcglobal](mailto:hattie.hammer@sbcglobal) or 972-637-3191 for more information or if you need a ride.

*Hope to see you there!*

### **Things to Know**

**Prayer Cards** – We now have prayer cards available in the Narthex. Please fill one (or more) out with any special prayer requests. These will be used to keep our prayer list updated.

**Coupons for Military Personnel** – We continue to send coupons to the Ramstein Commissary in Germany. Please bring your coupons for nonfood, food, and pet items and put them in the box. Thank you.

**Feel free to donate housekeeping items needed for the church** – paper dinner napkins, toilet paper, Lysol or Chlorox wipes (anti-viral/disinfecting), Pine-sol concentrated cleaner, and soft-soap and dish soap refills.

**The following items are being collected on an  
ongoing basis for the  
**Grand Prairie Food and Clothing Co-op:****

- Men's medium and large long sleeved shirts
- Men's pants/jeans (32, 34, 36)
- Shoes for kids and men (all sizes)
- Men's and Women's jackets (all sizes)

PLUS, volunteers are always needed!

The Co-op is open 9am-11am Tuesday thru Friday.

If anyone is able to volunteer even one or two days a month,  
anything is welcome!