

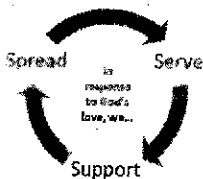
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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – Long ago Joseph, the son of Jacob, learned to see the Lord's hand even in sorrowful circumstances. What was meant for harm, the Lord used for good. We learn to speak these words only by faith. Though the firstborn sons of Bethlehem suffered the ultimate cost because of Jesus, through Herod's atrocity the prophet's word was fulfilled. "Out of Egypt I have called My Son." Once more we are reminded that nothing can prevent God from accomplishing His purpose, especially when that purpose is redeeming us from sin and its death and bestowing upon us everlasting life. Hidden in Bethlehem's sorrow is the mercy of God. To voices crying from the pain of death come too soon, He gives the gift of life that death cannot steal. This is what Jesus is born to accomplish, and in Egypt He is kept safe for this saving work so that we and the infant sons of Bethlehem may rejoice in life stronger than death.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Infant Holy"

by Jeffrey Biersch

## WELCOME

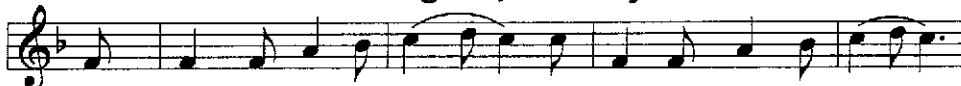
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## ♯OPENING HYMN

*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

LSB 386



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,      Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
2 Come from on high to me;      I can - not rise to Thee.  
3 Now through His Son doth shine      The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?      Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth      Poor in a man - ger lies;  
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,      O pure and ho - ly Child;  
Death was reign - ing o'er us      Through sin and van - i - ty  
Where the an - gels sing - ing      With all His saints u - nite,

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Not so bright-ly beam-eth The sun in yon-der skies.  
 Through Thy grace and mer-it, Blest Je-sus, Lord most mild,  
 Till He o-pened for us A bright e-ter-ni-ty.  
 Sweet-est prais-es bring-ing In heav'n-ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav-ior art! Thou my Sav-ior art!  
 Draw me un-to Thee! Draw me un-to Thee!  
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!  
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Galatians 4:4-5

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *When the fullness of time had come,*
- C** **God sent forth His Son,**
- P** *born of woman, born under the law,*
- C** **to redeem those who were under the law.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Holy and gracious God,*
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver me in Your mercy and restore me by Your grace that I amend my sinful life. Bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**

## INTROIT

*Jer. 31:15-17; antiphon: Hos. 11:1*

- P** *When Israel was a child, I loved him,*
- C** **and out of Egypt I called my son.**
- P** *Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,*
- C** **lamentation and bitter weeping.**
- P** *Rachel is weeping for her children;*
- C** **she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."**
- P** *Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,*
- C** **and your eyes from tears,**
- P** *for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,*

**C** and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

**P** *There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,*

**C** and your children shall come back to their own country.”

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** *When Israel was a child, I loved him,*

**C** and out of Egypt I called my son.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

LSB 546



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For  
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With  
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy



sin - ners You be - came a child. You came from  
God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for  
fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we



heav - en down to earth In hu - man flesh through  
all the ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's righ - teous  
have be - longs to You; O keep us faith - ful,



hu - man birth. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
an - ger stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!  
strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** And also with you.

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** And also with you.

**P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

*Isaiah 63:7-14*

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

*Galatians 4:4-7*

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*Luke 2:30, 32*

All: Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13-23*

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

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*      **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## YOUTH MESSAGE

*[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Let All Together Praise Our God*

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

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6. He is the key and He the door  
 To blessed paradise;  
 The angel bars the way no more.  
 To God our praises rise,  
 To God our praises rise.

7. Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
 Lord Jesus, we adore  
 And praise to God the Father yield  
 And Spirit evermore;  
 We praise You evermore. Amen.

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**SERMON**

**"OUT OF EGYPT"**

**Matthew 2:13-23**

- I. God called Israel out of Egypt in the Old Testament to lead them to the Promised Land.
- II. God calls Jesus out of Egypt so that He can save us and lead us to the Promised Land of heaven.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**

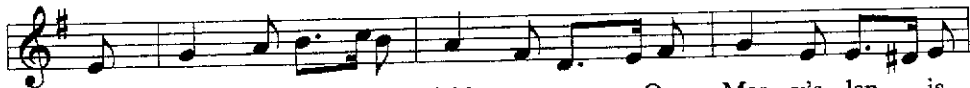
**"O Jesus So Sweet"**

by Georg Friedrich Kauffman

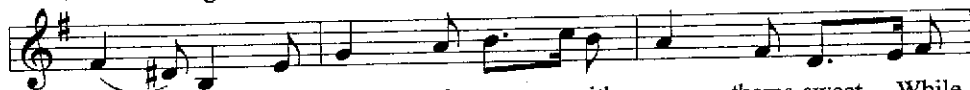
**OFFERTORY**

**What Child Is This**

LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let

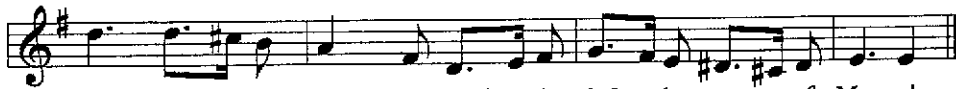


shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

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Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Bring to remembrance, O Lord, all of Your saving acts but most especially the gift of Your only-begotten Son, that we be brought to repentance and faith by the proclamation of Christ and trust in Him for the forgiveness of our sins and for everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *O Lord, as we recall the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem, the first martyrs for the sake of Christ, make us mindful of those who in every time and place have sacrificed their lives to confess Jesus, and give us such boldness that we not shrink from standing in Christ in the face of threat, persecution, and death. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Receive our thanks, O Lord, for establishing Your Church and giving to her faithful pastors who preach Jesus Christ and faithful church workers who aid the cause of Your kingdom in their vocations on our behalf, and raise up those who will heed Your call to service in the next generation. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *O Lord, bestow Your blessing upon our own land and all the nations and those who lead the peoples, that they pursue the causes of peace and justice, punish the evildoer, and honor those who do good, especially for the sake of those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Strengthen our life together, O Lord, that we who have been baptized into Christ be united in doctrine and witness and so be equipped by Your grace to live upright, holy, and godly lives to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the peace of the troubled, the comfort of the grieving, and the hope of the dying. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those in any need, [especially . . .], that You deliver them according to Your gracious will, strengthen them to endure their afflictions, and sustain them to the day of the resurrection, when all pain and suffering shall cease. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Build within us, O Lord, generous hearts, that we act on behalf of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the aged, and the infirm, that the riches with which You have supplied us be used to their aid and for the work of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

## BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

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

**C** Amen.

**P** *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

LSB 358

Ah, Lord, though You created all,  
How weak You are, so poor and small,  
That You should choose to lay Your head  
Where lowly cattle lately fed!

Instead of soft and silken stuff  
You have but hay and straw so rough  
On which as King, so rich and great,  
To be enthroned in royal state.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For You to dwell within my heart.

My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Becky Sterk*]

## POSTLUDE

*"Born is He, the Divine Christ Child"*

by Patricia Lou Harris

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