



8:30 a.m. ~ January 8, 2017

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “In Christ Alone”

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Genesis 1:27-2:3** [NIV]

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia” [p. 164]

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13-17** [NIV]

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. ¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" [LSB 411]

SERMON "AN INVITATION TO INTIMATE LIFE"

SERMON RESPONSE "Create in Me" [p. 143]

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Wayne Bobbitt-undergoing a heart procedure Tuesday, Jan. 10; Dottie Nicholson's mom-struggling with health issues; The family of Robert Damschroeder-died Sunday, Jan. 1; memorial service Friday, Jan. 13 at 11:00 a.m.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Red Apple School and College Students.

•**Mission of the Month** – Gideon's International

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI [p. 172]

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"As With Gladness Men of Old" [LW 75]

"Now Thank We All Our God" [LW 443]

"Beautiful Savior" [LW 507]

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” [*LW 218, v. 1 & 2*]

CONNECT

- **Choirs Resume | January 10 (Handbells) & January 11 (Children & Adult Choirs)**
- **HS Ice Skating | January 22 | Noon-3pm | \$15 | Register Online | RSVP-Jan 18**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Festival Trumpet Tune”

Mark Thewes

SERMON: *Rev. Steven L. Wiechman*

LITURGIST: *Rev. James L. Mueller*



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