



**8:30am ~ Sunday, December 17**

## **PRELUDE**

“Masters in This Hall”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

*Organ*

## **WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN “Joy to the World”** [LW 53, v. 1-3]

## **OPENING LITURGY**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 5:2-4** [NIV]

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOPSEL John 1:1-13** [NIV]

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON HYMN “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” [LW 57]

SERMON “THE POWER TO BECOME”

## PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

*Father in Heaven:*

•*Peace, Comfort, and Healing:* The family of Eleanor Damschroeder-died Monday, December 11.

•*Wisdom and Courage:* Elected Officials and Military.

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

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

## 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

“O Come, Little Children”

arr. Sondra Tucker

*Handbell Quartet*

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” [LW 62]

CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World” [LW 53, v. 4]

## CONNECT

- AIM Gift Cards | Grab one from the tree – return to Church by Wednesday
- Traditions | All Adults join us in Adult Faith @ 9:45am
- Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols | Wednesday, December 20 @ 7:00pm
- Christmas Eve Worship | 5:00, 6:30, 8:00p | *No morning worship services*
- Sunday, December 31 | One communion worship service @ 10:00am

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude on GLORIA”

arr. Jason Payne

SERMON: *John Vawar, Mosaic Missionary*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*



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