

CHRISTMAS II

JANUARY 3, 2021



A Child is Born!

Pre-Service Music

*In Church be **Thoughtful**, be **Silent**, be **Reverent**, for this is the house of God.
Before the Service, speak to the Lord; During the Service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the Service, speak to one another.*

THE GATHERING

The Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C. Amen.

The Congregation faces the Processional Cross

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

The Entrance Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

The Apostolic 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.**

THE WORD

The Prayer of the Day

Celebrate

The First Lesson *(Celebrate)*

Jeremiah 31:7–14

The Psalm *(spoken responsively)*

Psalms 147:12–20

Celebrate

The Second Lesson *(Celebrate)*

Ephesians 1:3–14

The Verse

From Heaven Above (spoken)

**“From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.**

The Holy Gospel *(Celebrate)*

John 1:1–18

P. The holy gospel according to St. John
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is proclaimed.

P. The gospel of the Lord.
C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

“In the Beginning was the Verb” *The Rev. Judith VanOsdol*

The Hymn of the Day

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

ELW 295

The Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and
became truly human. 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 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The Greeting of Peace

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.
C. **And also with you.**

The Offering

Please place your offering and Estimate of Giving forms in the plate in Narthex.

The Offertory

**C. Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite
them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

The Offertory Prayer C. Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL

The 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 God thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Sanctus *(spoken)*

**C. Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharist Prayer #1

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving.....To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion P. The Gifts of God, for the children of God.
C. Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

The Agnus Dei

**C. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
Grant us peace.**

(Music is played during Communion)

The Post Communion Prayer

A. Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C. Amen.

The Post Communion Cantic

**C. Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE SENDING

The Benediction

The Recessional Hymn

All My Heart, Again Rejoices

ELW 273

The Dismissal

Post-Service Music

WELCOME!

Our Redeemer's parish family extends a warm welcome to all guests worshiping with us today. Please introduce yourself to our Pastor and Greeters and sign our Guest Book as you leave the Service. If you are interested in membership, or have any concerns with which we could be helpful, please speak with the Pastor after the Service.

HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated on Sundays in our parish. During this time of COVID 19 pandemic, we will only have the wafers - no wine - due to the regulations from the CDC.



HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY 9:30 AM
NO SATURDAY WORSHIP
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Last Sunday 20



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Our next in person Bible Study will be Thursday Jan. 14, at 3:00 pm here at the

church and we will gather together with Pastor Judith.

In January, ORLC Online Bible Study will move to Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm to better accommodate folks who work outside the home. **Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 pm beginning January 13th**. For those who would like to join us through Zoom, please do so. We will send the invitation with a link in an email.

CONFIRMATION CLASS. Next Confirmation class is this **Wednesday, January 6th at 6:45 pm.**

STEWARDSHIP!!!

Included with this bulletin you will find the 2021 Estimate of Giving. Please fill out yours and put in the offering plate when you exit worship. Please prayerfully consider an additional financial gift for Our Redeemer's missions and ministry. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Week of January 3, 2021

Monday School Classes Return
4th

Wednesday 9:00 am Work Crew
6th 6:45 pm Confirmation

Sunday 9:30 am Holy
10th Communion/Installation
Baptism of our Lord of Council Members

THE 2021 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE INSTALLED NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th. There will be a one-half day retreat on Saturday morning, January 23rd for ALL council members.

preschool registration



OUR REDEEMER NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE BEGINS January 11, 2021. If you are

interested in signing up, please call Caitlin at 516-781-7637 to schedule an appointment.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, **JANUARY 3, 2021**

ELW #289 - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing over the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain - Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

OPENING HYMN

ELW # 295 - OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #273- ALL MY HEART AGAIN REJOICES

All my heart again rejoices, as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices; "Christ is born," their choirs are singing, till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, then, let us hasten yonder; here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder; love him who with love is yearning; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning.