



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

*Organ*

arr. Paul Manz

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us;

**C: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P: Nations will come to His light

**C: And kings to the brightness of His rising.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

**C: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

### *Moment of Silent Confession*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son’s saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace shining down on us from above and for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For revealing Your Son to the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Enlighten us, encourage us, and keep us in the true faith that leads to eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **RESPONSE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-7 [ESV]**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48-59 [ESV]**

R: Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?

**C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH *the Nicene Creed***

**SERMON HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise”**

**SERMON “THE TORAH”**

**OFFERING CONNECT**

## OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Charles Callahan

*Organ*

## PRAYERS of the CHURCH

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who became flesh and dwelt among us on earth, light in a dark world, so that we might dwell with Him in everlasting life and light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

Communion Medley

Adore te Devote

arr. Gayden Sikes

arr. Charles Callahan

*Organ*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

## **POSTLUDE**

“DEUS TUORUM MILITUM”

arr. Wilbur Held

*Organ*



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