



**10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

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

arr. John Behnke

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Songs of the Thankfulness and Praise”

## OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

C: **For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**

P: And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

C: **And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

P: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

C: **and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

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 “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 [ESV]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### ALLELUIA VERSE

R: Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

**C: And the favor of God was upon Him. Alleluia.**

### HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:40-52 [ESV]

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke:

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

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Nicene Creed*

**HYMN** “Within the Father’s House”

**SERMON** “~~HE SHALL BE CALLED IMMANUEL~~”

**OFFERING CONNECT**

**OFFERTORY**

“Kings of the Orient”

arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde

*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

“Cantabile”

“Be Still”

*Organ*

John Behnke

Ashley Grote

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### BENEDICTION

### NUNC DIMITTIS

### POSTLUDE

“Fantasia”

*Organ*

John Behnke



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