



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 30, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 30, 2018

First Sunday in Christmastide

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements (Andrew Narm)

***Call to Worship (Psalm 148)**

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the highest places.

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars.

Praise Him, O highest heavens, and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He gave the command and they were created. He established them forever and ever; He issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, all great sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, powerful wind fulfilling His word, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, crawling creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth, young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above heaven and earth.

He has raised up a horn for His people, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, a people near to Him. Hallelujah!

Jesus, the horn and ruler of his people, has been raised up for us and our salvation. Let us sing his praise this morning.

Praise

Songs of Praise:

"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" (#6 vs. 1-3)

"Hours and Days and Years and Ages" (#401 vs. 1-4)

"Day by Day" (#437 vs. 1-3)

God's Greeting

Hymn of Adoration:

"O God Our Help in Ages Past" (#405 vs. 1-6; with Psalm 90 interspersed)

Renewal

Preparatory Call to Examination and Confession (Andrew Narm)

As we prepare to celebrate holy communion next Sunday, let us remember that Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God. We are taught that eating and drinking unworthily brings judgment upon ourselves. Let us therefore ask God for the proper spirit in which to celebrate the sacrament: **Almighty God, before whom can be neither secret thought nor hidden deed, grant us your Spirit that we may know our hearts, our lives, and our inmost thoughts as you know them. Grant us your grace that we may repent sincerely of all sin, find peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ, and**

grow in assurance of salvation in him. May the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in his redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to you. We thank you, heavenly Father, for the atoning power of our Savior's death and for our share in his victory over sin. Open our hearts as we prepare for this celebration, that it may strengthen us in our faith, establish us in our hope, and confirm us in our love. In his name, Amen.

Brothers and sisters, let us first examine our faith. We all confess the truth of God as taught by Scripture and summarized in the creeds of the church. By this faith we take to ourselves Christ and all his benefits, so that for us to live is Christ.

Lord God, author and finisher of all true believing, confirm our faith as we prepare for the holy sacrament.

Let us, further, examine our hope. All Christian hope rests upon the finished work of Christ as Savior. The holy gospel teaches that all our righteousness is in him alone. God's children rely wholly upon the merits of Christ, find in him their strength and victory, and confidently expect his return in glory. They look forward to celebrating this holy supper anew with him in the kingdom. They will surely be received by God at his table.

Most merciful Father, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.

Let us also examine our love, both for God and our neighbors. Remember the great and first commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let us consciously determine to live a life of loving service to him, through Christ our Lord. Let us also search ourselves to determine whether we love our neighbors as Christ commands. Do we unselfishly live for the welfare of others? Do our lives reflect the godly virtues of obedience, fidelity, integrity, justice, humility, and contentment? Do we seek reconciliation with our neighbors in all cases of offense?

Dear Father, daily increase in us the greatest gift of all, our Christian love.

If these marks of spiritual life are not evident in us, we should not presume to boldly approach his table. Those, therefore, who live in self-righteousness, who hope in works or virtues of their own, and who do not show love to God and neighbor, have no true place at the Lord's supper. Yet we should not be deterred by any sin lingering within against our will. As we find faith, hope, and love within us, we ought gladly to obey our Lord's command and come with full expectation to God's open house of mercy.

Gracious God, we love and adore you in Christ our Lord. We thank you for reconciling us to yourself in him. We rejoice in being received as your children.

Friends, believe the gospel and live in its peace!

Recognition of Leaders at AKC (Andrew Narm)

Hymn of Gratitude: "Before the Throne of God Above" (#682 vs. 1-3)

Response

Offering: Alameda Christian School

Offertory

***Offering Response: "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (#876 vs. 3)**

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-14 & 1 Peter 5:5-7 (p.1235, 1273)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Clothe Yourselves with Humility

***Hymn of Response:** “*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*” (#334)

SENDING

***Sending & Benediction**

***Doxology:** “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*” (#965 vs. 1)

Postlude

Preaching: Rev. Nick Blystra

Liturgist: Rev. Andrew Narm

Pianist: Linda Kreiss

Prayer Request

Please pray for Arenda while she is being treated for her recent leg pain she started experiencing this past week. Please pray for all who have been affected by the recent California fires. **Please pray that Paulina will be able to tolerate her new treatment.** Please pray for David Nederhood who continues his recovery after a motorcycle accident.

Ongoing prayers: Shannon Yates, Christine Taylor, **Mr. John Bae of KCC.**