

January 1, 2023; 9:00 am  
First Sunday of Christmas  
Massacre of the Innocents

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude** “Lobe Den Herren”

arr. by *Gerhard Krapf*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ringing of the Bell and Entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

Praise God! With the angels and hosts, we praise!

**With the sun and moon, we praise!**

With the fire and hail, we praise!

**With the frost and snow, we praise!**

With the mountains and valleys, we praise!

**With the skies and the seas, we praise our loving God!**

**\*Prayer**

Almighty God, you have dazzled us with the light of your incarnate word.

**May this light, shining in our hearts, shine in our living; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*Laurie Leestma-Christie, Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession**

Even in a season of celebration and joy, there is grief and pain.

**Even as we celebrate God's goodness, we know that we have not always lived it.**

Even in all of this, Christ comes to us.

**Even in all of this, we confess our sins against God and one another.**

### **\*Confession**

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress.

In all the ways we hurt

**and all the ways we hurt others,**

in all the ways we feel neglected

**and all the ways we neglect others,**

in all the ways we cry out

**and all the ways we cause others to cry,**

**you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.**

In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.

**Ever-present God, forgive us. Ever-present God, hear our prayer.**

### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Christ came into this world for us: imperfect humans, perpetual sinners, trying, learning, striving.

**He came to be like us, so that he would know our struggles and the depths of our sins, and yet, even in the knowing, still find grace and mercy for forgiveness.**

Beloved – believe the good news of God: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Hymn GTG 583 “Glory to God”**

## **God’s Word Is Proclaimed**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 2:13-23

**Children’s Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon “Is it Worth the Cost?”**

*Pastor Ken Locke*

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

May the God of Christmas be with you!

**And also with you!**

Put your trust in the One who has come.

**We offer our hearts willingly to our God.**

Join all creation in praising God.

**We join in the chorus of glad songs to God.**

In that not so silent  
moment, you spoke to creation,  
God of our dreams and hopes,  
and birds warbled in the morning,  
thunder rumbled over the waters,  
cows lowed in the meadows.

**For us, those shaped in your image,  
were these gifts imagined and formed,  
but we took up after death,**

**getting up to follow sin.**

Prophets came to praise your name,  
and to bring us back to you,  
but we thought they were  
trying to trick us.

Then you sent Jesus, Pioneer of salvation,  
to proclaim your name to us.

**With those who are shy and silent,  
with those who persist in glorifying you,  
we offer our thanksgiving songs:**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #552

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a dotted half note at the end. The third staff continues with a slur over the first two notes. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC (LAND OF REST): American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984; adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund; arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

2. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third and fourth staves complete the phrase 'Ho - san - na in the high - est,' with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

In the silence of the night,  
your holiness became human, our God,  
and you blessed us with Jesus, Child of grace.  
**When he could have stayed with you,  
he came to offer us help.**  
**When he could have remained in Nazareth,  
he got up to bring us the good news.**  
**When he could have played it safe,  
he shared his flesh and blood on the cross,  
so we might have life through the resurrection.**

As we celebrate the gift of his life,  
as we remember his death and rising to new life,  
we proclaim that mystery called faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
 Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
 Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves form the second line. The music is written in a single treble clef.

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**Into these moments of silence  
 and sacrament, send your Spirit  
 upon those gathered in this place,  
 and on the gifts of the Bread and Cup.**

As we eat of the Bread,  
 send us out to serve  
     the hungry and the homeless,  
     the lost and forgotten,  
     the broken and battered -  
 all whose hopes have disappeared.  
 As we drink from the Cup,  
 may we see the  
     lonely and forsaken,  
     the hurting and ridiculed,  
     the oppressed and imprisoned -  
 all whose dreams have become nightmares.

**And when we are gathered to your side,  
 we will proclaim your glory to  
 our sisters and brothers around the Table,**

our praises being offered to you,  
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

### **Offering "Temple of Peace"**

**\*Offertory PH 427 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"**

(vs. 1)

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn GTG 79 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

Let all God's people say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Closing Refrain GTG 134 "Joy to the World" vs. 1**

**Postlude "Praise to the Lord"**

*arr. by Paul Karvonen*

## **This Week at Church**

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00-10:00am	<b>01.01.2023</b> Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom	<b>Happy New Year</b>
10:15am 10:15-11:15am	Fellowship Time Growing Connections for All Ages The Season of Christmas Carol Sing-Along	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01.02</b> Church Office is Closed	
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00pm	<b>01.03</b> Confirmation	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00-9:00am 1:00-2:00pm 4:30-5:30pm	<b>01.04</b> Men's Breakfast Personnel Team Hand Bell Practice	
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00-10:00am 10:00-11:00am 4:15-5:15pm	<b>01.05</b> Growing Connections Planning Staff Meeting Serving Team	
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00-10:00am 9:00-12:00pm	<b>01.07</b> Deacons Meeting -Undecorating the church Table Tennis	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00-10:00am	<b>01.08</b> Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom	
10:15 10:15-11:15am 6:00-7:30pm 6:00-7:30pm	Fellowship Time Growing Connections - Final Book Study Class Boy Scout Committee Meeting Boy Scouts Troop 702	



## PRAYERS

Brian C.

Gary G.

Pat D.

Gib D.

Arnold L.

Pauline W.

Jesse F.

Silas W.

Liam A.

Jerry and Mary H.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

## E-Giving

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## Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Dec. 25, 2022	<b>82</b>	\$6,804.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Dec. 25, 2022		\$700.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
12/19--12/23/2022		\$901.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
12/19--12/23/2022		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$8,405.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$48,431.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
12/25/2022	<b>2</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 12/25/2022

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