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**Name of Jesus**

**January 1, 2023**

**Prelude *“In the Bleak Midwinter” -Gordon Young***

**Introduction of the Day**

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

the Word made flesh,

our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,

let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,**

**and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,**

**our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors**

**and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.**

**Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

**Where we are cynical, restore our trust.**

**Renew us with your grace**

**and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises

through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth

shall know the salvation of God.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING *SONG*** *“Once in Royal David’s City” ELW 269*

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**READING: Numbers 6:22-27**

A reading from Numbers.

22The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 23Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,  
 24The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 25the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
 26the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
 27So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**PSALM: Psalm 8**

1O **|** Lord our Lord,  
  how majestic is your name in **|** all the earth!—  
 2**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**  
  **you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**  
 3When I consider your heavens, the work **|** of your fingers,  
  the moon and the stars you have set **|** in their courses,  
 4**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
  **human beings that you should | care for them?** R  
 5Yet you have made them little less **|** than divine;  
  with glory and hon- **|** or you crown them.  
 6**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
  **you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
 7all **|** flocks and cattle,  
  even the wild beasts **|** of the field,  
 8**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
  **and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
 9O **|** Lord our Lord,  
  how majestic is your name in **|** all the earth! R

(Please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.  
  
 21After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**  Pastor Keilholtz

(Please stand)

***Hymn of the Day:*** *“Love Has Come” ELW 292*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:**

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great**

**Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**(Please be seated)**

***Communion Instructions****: Please come forward for communion and take an empty cup. Cups can be disposed of in the trash cans at the end of the front pew.*

*If you are in need of gluten-free wafers, please let the Pastors know when you come to receive.*

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**Words of Institution**

**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;**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

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**Sharing of Holy Communion** *“In the Bleak Midwinter*” **ELW 294**

**“***What Feast of Love***” ELW 487**

**Prayer after Communion**

God our redeemer,

you have fed us at this table

with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy,

send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory,

born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

God bless you and keep you,

☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth,

and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**  *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* **ELW 634**

**Sending** P: Grow in faith. Share God’s love. Serve others.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude*:*** *"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” -Dr. Robert C. Lau*

**Worship Ministry Leaders**

**ALTAR GUILD :** Vicki Skonezney, Laura Keller

**LECTOR :**

**Schedule of worship services:**

**Saturday: 6 pm**

**Sunday: 8 am**

**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday: 10:45 am**

**Prayer Concerns or Needs:** If you have prayer concerns

or needs, please notify St. John's Prayer Chain by calling

the church office at (717)761-5121. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests ... and always keep praying for all the saints."

- Ephesians 6:18.

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| HOMEBOUND: | Jackie Long |
| CHILDREN’S GARDEN: | Children’s Garden |
| ST JOHN'S MINISTRY: | Faith Formation Ministries |
| CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE: | Mt. Zion, Lewisberry – Pastor Fitch |
| MILITARY: | Adam Fodness |

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Free Dinner—5—6:00pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class 6:15—7:30 pm

Bells—6:15—7 PM

Choir 7—8pm

Won’t you join us for all or part of each Wednesday night?

We have a place for you!

**\*\*No Dinner or activities this week. Join us next week, January 11th for dinner\*\***

**Youth Group Calendar Bulletin**

**January 6-8, 2023**

Winterfest at The Wyndam, Lancaster

High School faith formation weekend

More info to come! Scholarships available to help cover the cost of this event.

**January 22, 2022**

Youth Group meeting

Join us for fun, food and learning as we gather in the Youth room at St. John’s and learn more around our theme “I Am Alive”. Friends are encouraged to join.

Middle School from 4-5pm

Dinner all together 5-6pm

High School from 6-7pm

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**LEAD PASTOR – The Rev Sarah M Keilholtz**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – The Rev Elizabeth P. Eckman**

**PASTOR EMERITUS –The Rev Michael L Seifried**

**SEMINARIAN – Bethany Ketchem**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC – Thomas A Notestine**

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