

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

EPISTLE

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



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Christmas Day

Friday, 25 December A+D 2020 • 9:15 A.M.



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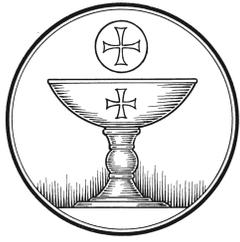
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+ TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION +



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<i>Christmas Day, 9:15 A.M.</i>	Ed T.	N/A	Ed T. & Carol T.

+ THOSE DONATING POINSETTIAS +

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>
Carol & Ed Thornton	Carol's Parents, Ed & Regina Szymczak Ed's Parents, Edward & Evelyn Thornton
Gladys Barthels	Her Husband, Jack Barthels
Gloria Sjoquist	Her Husband, Norm Sjoquist Her Niece, Melissa
Carol Guy	Her Parents, Clarence & June Hirte
The Reed Family	Lisa's Dad, Brad Lemke Jim's Dad, Herman "Butch" Reed
Judy Walker	Her Husband, Brent Walker
<u>NAME:</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>
Sue Rochon	Her Grandchildren

* *Poinsettia plants may be taken home following the 9:15 A.M. Christmas Day Divine Service* *

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Christmas Day
25 December A+D 2020

Liturgy:

Hymns:

Sermon:

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"Christmas in a Tent"

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
C and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
P and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
C **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
P The LORD has made known his salvation;
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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C **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23

- P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
C **The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.**
P This is the LORD's doing;
C **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

VERSE

Liturgical Text

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord. Alleluia.