

January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

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Aaronic Blessing for the New Year
Numbers 6:22-27



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. 2Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. 3Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. 4He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

5He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. 6He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. 7The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; 8they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. 9He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! 10The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #76

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

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

C ♪ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through**

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Jeremiah 31:15-17

P When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

C Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

P Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

C Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears,

P For there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

C There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.”

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for “Glory be to the Father”



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 2:30,32

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **A - - - men.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 90 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 3 You turn man to destruction, And say, “Return, O children of men.” 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. 14 Oh, satisfy

us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The
years in which we have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your
servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the
Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes,
establish the work of our hands.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness
of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might
receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent
forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7
Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir
of God through Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third
day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He
will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #123 v.1-4,8 *“Our God, Our Help in Ages in Past”*

SERMON – Numbers 6:22-27 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the
children of Israel. Say to them: “The LORD bless you and keep you; The
LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD
lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”’ So they shall put
My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”

THE LORD’S BLESSING IN THE NEW YEAR

OFFERTORY

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy**

Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #125

“The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2

“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”

- C** ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #653

“Now the Light Has Gone Away”

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 26 Total Offering = \$2720.32

General = \$1,045.32 | Tuition = \$1,675

- ✠ **Jan. 1** 10:15am WH Service no communion or Pastor Fossum, Education, Trustees, and Council Meetings, Painting at the parsonage
- ✠ **Jan 8** 8am Orlando Service 10:15am WH service with Pastor Fossum, Take down decorations at church
- ✠ **Jan 15** 9:15am Bible Class 10:15 Communion service with Pastor Fossum Annual Voters’ Meeting after church

Thank You Ms. Katie and I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gift this past Sunday. You all have been such a great blessing to each of us, and we thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve you and teach these children the Word of God. Thanks again for your kindness.

Sign Fund We are in the process of designing a new sign and preparing the area around the sign in front of church. The sign itself is being made

by Cypress Signs, and volunteer labor will be installing it and landscaping the area around it. Stone posts will be added to give the area more of a

presence. If you would like to help defray the cost of the sign, please mark your envelope "Sign Fund." Thank you for considering this need.

Paint Day There has been a paint day scheduled for the parsonage on January 1 after church. If you are able to come paint, it would be greatly appreciated.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will not be here for Sunday, January 1. He will be coming the week later for the January 8 service at 8am in Orlando and the Winter Haven service at 10:15am. Sunday, January 15 he will conduct Bible class at 9:15 am followed by the communion service at 10:15am. After church that Sunday there will be the Annual Voters' Meeting.

Cleaner (1/7): Bernthal | **Acolyte (1/8):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; January 2 - January 7, '23

Mon Luke 4:16-21 When Jesus taught in the synagogue, it was not only as another prophet, but as the fulfiller of prophecy proclaiming the "year of the Lord's favor" (v19). As we enter a new year, we may recognize our poverty, captivity, afflictions, or oppressions. His answer: it is another year of the Lord's favor in Christ.

Tues Romans 8:24-32 Looking forward, we recognize our weakness and long for the redemption of our bodies. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. Indeed, the triune God is on our side and will in this and every year graciously fill our every need (v32)!

Wed Psalm 90:1-4,12,14,17 God is eternal and almighty, before the mountains were made. We are mortal, return to dust, and need to recognize that our days are numbered. But God's steadfast love in Christ assures us of the Lord's favor resting upon us and blessing us day by day in 2023.

Thurs Matthew 16:1-4 The Pharisees and Sadducees were not satisfied with the One whom God had sent to them, neither in His words nor in His deeds, but looked for some other sign. But if they will not receive the fulfillment of Moses and the prophets (Lk4:21), they will not believe even if one rises from the dead, as Jonah came back from the great fish. Thank God He has given us His Word as we face the future!

Fri James 4:13-17 The beginning of a year is a time when people make plans. But it is the Lord who holds the future in His hands, and will determine what is best for our brief life. “If the Lord wills,” our plans will bear fruit. He is in control, knows our weakness, and wants to bless us.

Sat Psalm 73:23-28 If we should be troubled in 2023 by the success and prosperity of the wicked, who test the Lord (Mt16) and boast of their plans (Jas4) the Psalmist was troubled by the same thing in his day. But the Lord was near him, supported him, and kept him upright, giving him eternal blessings to look forward to. So does He also promise to be our refuge.