

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayers

L: God of grace,

C: Receive our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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; and forgive us our trespasses, 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.

Benediction

C: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. Amen.

Hymn No. 290

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC
December 28 & 29, 2024**

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**Welcome to Worship**



**First Sunday of Christmas - December 28 & 29, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements/Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**C: God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.**

**Amen.**

*L: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 267

“Joy to the World”

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 – Pages 214-215

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 – Page 958

The Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -

lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:41-52 – Pages 833-834

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 296

“What Child Is This”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 298

“The Bells of Christmas”

Apostles’ Creed

C: 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.