

*Word  
made  
flesh*

**Christ's Mass**

December 25, 2025, 10:00 AM



**Calvary**



## PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 283** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
*The assembly stands.*

## 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

Almighty God,  
you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature  
and to illumine the world with your light.  
By your grace adopt us as your children  
and enlighten us with your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10

7 How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news, who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy,  
for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.  
9 Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.  
2 **O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
3 You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
4 **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**  
5 Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**  
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.  
8 **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
who comes to judge the earth.**  
9 The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN **ELW 267** *Joy to the World*  
*The assembly stands.*

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*The assembly is seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY **ACS 901** *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*  
*The assembly stands.*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

## COMMUNION

*The assembly is seated.*

*All are welcome! In Holy Communion, we meet a gracious God at a table where all are welcome and Jesus is host. The words “given and shed for you” are a proclamation of good news, sustaining us in our baptized life.*

*Music accompanies communion.*

## PRAYER

*The assembly stands.*

**Radiant God,  
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.  
May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

SENDING HYMN **ELW 290** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Please take this paper with you or place it in the basket at the exit.*

**Worship Leaders**

Ellen Hoffman & Mady Riedell *altar guild*

Paul Elsener *organ and piano*

Mark Nocero *assisting minister*

The Rev. Zachary Dean *presiding minister and preacher*