

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

The prophet writes:

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my soul shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
which the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

St. Paul writes: 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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that  
we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be  
his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the  
praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the  
Beloved. . . .

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and  
your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the  
knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you  
may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches  
of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word  
was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through  
him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was  
life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for  
testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He  
was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew  
him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.  
But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to  
become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the  
flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John  
bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who

# With Angels and Archangels

This hymn paraphrases portions of the Service of Holy Communion, including particularly the Prefaces and the Sanctus. It may be sung to any tune with a meter of 7 6 7 6 D, such as WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, HAF TRONES LAMPN FÄRDIG (also known as VIGIL), or LANCASHIRE.

1. With angels and archangels  
we join the hosts of Heav'n:  
"All praise to God the Father  
and to His Son be giv'n!"  
Empowered by the Spirit,  
the promise now we claim:  
"My presence will be known by  
those gathered in My name."
2. In human form the Godhead  
is now made manifest:  
Messiah, long-expected,  
by all the saints confessed.  
Behold the God Incarnate!  
Behold the Son Divine!  
Now visible before us,  
by faith, in bread and wine.
3. In Christ our eyes are lifted  
from that which we can see  
To love beyond our vision:  
the unseen Deity.  
Cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy!  
God manifest in birth!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
And peace to all on earth!"

—Barry L. Ralph

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► comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me." And from his  
fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given  
through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has  
ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has  
made him known.



With the Church on earth  
and the hosts of Heaven,  
we praise Your name  
and join their unending hymn.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
January 3, 1981

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We are all here in the Spirit of worship, growth and service. Let us worship together as God's people. All who believe that with the bread and wine we receive our Lord's Body and Blood for forgiveness and strength are invited to share Holy Communion with us.

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Hinkle Family.

In preparation for today's worship we suggest you read Psalm 147:12-20, on page 287 in the front of the Hymnal.

PARISH NOTES

TODAY: 9:30AM Sunday School  
10:45AM Worship (Communion)  
5:00PM LISTEN  
WEDNESDAY: 7:00PM Choir  
THURSDAY: 10:00AM Miriam Circle  
7:00PM Mary-Martha Circle  
Next Sunday: 9:30AM Sunday School  
10:45AM worship  
Installation of Church Council  
3:00PM Confirmation

Attendance for last week:  
Worship - 61 Sunday School - 31  
Christmas Eve-119, Communion 91  
Christmas Day - 22, Communion 18

Offering for last week: \$4073.30  
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Offering for Christmas ,244.55  
Memorials ,20 World Hunger \$52  
Debt reduction \$50

Be sure to pick up your January Newsletter in the Narthex today.

We receive into membership today: Mr. Tim Ellinburg, and the Wendell Family, LeRoy, Lois, John, Steve, Paulette. May our sharing be a blessing to us all.

Memorials were received for Mrs. Drake, and Mrs. Nease from the Allen Family.

Choir resumes this week on Wednesday at 7PM, all voices welcomed.

LISTEN meets tonight at 5PM. We have plans to share for the month. LISTEN is open to allyouth, 7-12 grades. Don't miss out!

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN MEET THIS WEEK:  
Miriam Circle meets on Thursday at 10AM. Our project will be to take down the Chrismon tree. All hands welcomed. Mary/Martha Circle at Marie Williams home. The topic will be on Deborah. We meet at 7PM.

Confirmation students are reminded of class next Sunday at 3PM. There was memory work assigned over the holidays!

New Year's Prayer: O God, grant that we may sing with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, will show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.