

## First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

<sup>7</sup>I WILL RECOUNT THE GRACIOUS DEEDS OF THE LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";  
and he became their savior  
<sup>9</sup>in all their distress.  
It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup>IT WAS FITTING THAT GOD, FOR WHOM AND THROUGH WHOM ALL THINGS EXIST, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

<sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup>NOW AFTER [THE WISE MEN] HAD LEFT, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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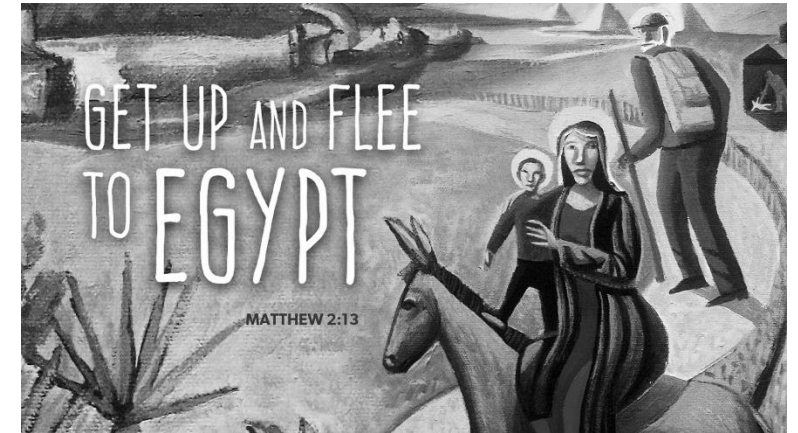
*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.  
May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,  
a source of strength and hope.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS January 1, 10:30 AM



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*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*  
(A congregation of the ELCIC,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Worship at 10:30 am

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxlZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA>



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# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

ELW - *Setting 5, Holy Communion*

10:30 AM January 1, 2023

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Gathering Song: *"Cold December Flies Away"* #299

Confession and Forgiveness

**All: Gracious God, our Wonderful Counselor, the Almighty God, We come to you to confess.**

**We know that sometimes we are happily distracted by parties and twinkling lights, and sometimes we are happily curled up in the solitude and warmth of our homes.**

**In our distraction, we do not heed the cries of the world.**

**We turn a blind eye to suffering and need and grief.**

**Forgive us for that.**

**Forgive us, and more than that,**

**turn us around to see all your children, with the truth of their lives, that we would set aside our distractions**

**and answer your call to go out, to heal, to help,**

**to proclaim good news and joy.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Friends, hear the Good News . . . Receive it with glad hearts.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Greeting, p. 156

Kyrie, p. 156

Hymn of Praise: *All Glory Be to God*, p. 159

Prayer of the Day

### THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation, p. 160

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Meditation

Hymn of the Day: *"Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning"* #908 (ACS)

(1) Gentle Joseph heard a warning from an angel in the night; valiant Mary, maiden mother, roused from sleep, prepared for flight: thus the Christ-child's fam'ly lived out what the prophet had foretold, that he might be called from Egypt as God's people were of old.

(2) Targets of a tyrant's army, seeking safety, fleeing strife, leaving house and land and kindred, spurred by dreams of peaceful life; through the desert of unknowing and the night of doubt they went, guided by God's promised presence, by that trust made confident.

(3) Give us, God, such faith and courage when we move from place to place, and to those who come among us, make us channels of your grace. Let us see in every stranger refugees from Bethlehem, help us offer each one welcome and receive the Christ in them.

Apostles' Creed, p. 105

Prayers of the People: "God of grace . . . **hear our prayer**"

Sharing of the Peace, p. 161

### THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving, p. 161

Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 162

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer, p. 163 (*sung*)

Lamb of God, p. 164

Communion:

Hymns during Communion:

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" #295

"What Child is This" #296

Post Communion Prayer

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"*

#313

Dismissal

Postlude

*Thank you to our lector Noreen Donald, musician Mik Bickis, ushers Angie and Merv Johnson, and technical support Bryan Tastad for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to our reader and ushers for assisting with communion.*

*Last Sunday's attendance: 14*

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#### All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.

Communion will be offered through pouring Chalices, one with grape-apple juice and the other with wine.

Participants hold the small glass only. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

--Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.--



**PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**Estimated Offerings & Income for December: \$27,370**

CLWR \$250; Facilities Improvement – Signage \$500;

Memorials \$875; PAR \$4562; Rent \$1855.

**December expenses (estimated): \$20,654**

### Our Parish Calendar

Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> will be a *Welcome to Canada* recognition for the Alhamad-Abduhlwaheed family and we asking for people to bring goodies or bake squares and cookies for after the service on that day. Thanks for whatever you can contribute.