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**CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2021
YEAR C**

TAKE-HOME LESSON SHEET

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 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 to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

All stand, as they are able.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to St. John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 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 or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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 our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn 93

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Communion Hymn 115

What child Is This

Closing Hymn 100

Joy to the World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders THIS WEEK:

Saturday Breakfast 7 a.m.

The office is closed this week.

Giving envelopes are available for those who ordered them. Please pick them up outside the sanctuary.

Contributions to St. Thomas Church are deductible in the year made. We regret that we are unable to post-date contributions made in 2022 to 2021. The 2021 Giving Statements will be sent after the end of the year via email, unless otherwise requested.

Spiritual Chat & Compline is offered Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. For more information, contact Trish Harris (tholcomb2011@hotmail.com).

The *Forward Day by Day* issue for November/December/January is available in the parish hall.

Just a reminder that Fr. Brian will be on leave until April 1st. Rev. Heather Barta and Rev. Rick Stravers will be filling in. During most weeks, they will both be in attendance on Sundays. Heather will be in the office on Mondays, and Rick will be in the office on Wednesdays.

An opportunity to celebrate baptism will take place on Sunday, January 9, 2022, during *The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord*. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy.

The funeral of Reverend Don Herdman, a former supply clergy at St. Thomas, will be held on Monday, January 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran in Battle Creek.

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the yellow sheet hanging above the nametag table or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org.

SERVING TODAY:

Presider: Father Brian Coleman
Sub Deacon: Jodi Nickerson
Lector: Kent Bieberich
Intercessor: Mark & Sharon Engle
Crucifer:
Chalice: Jodi Nickerson
Altar Chapter: Mira Wuerges & Bob Harberts
Ushers:
Greeter
A/V Technician: Alexis Stark