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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING ONE

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p. 56

P *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen**

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *"Joy To The World"* LBW# 39

GREETING LBW p. 57

P *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 LBW p. 57 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Feast"* LBW p. 60

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C 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.**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,

and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:13-21 (*unison*)

¹³**Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
¹⁴for he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
¹⁵He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁶He sends out his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.
¹⁷He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
¹⁸He scatters his hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against his cold?
¹⁹He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
²⁰He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
²¹He has not done so to any other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us

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the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *"Jesus Loves Me"* (1st verse only)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW p. 62 (*Sung*)

GOSPEL: John 1:10-18

P *The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: *"Earthly and Spiritual Blessings"*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Word Of God, Come Down On Earth"* WOV# 716

APOSTLES CREED LBW p. 65

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*Lord in your mercy,*

C **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN “*Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*” WOVS p. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 68

P *Blessed are you,*

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With then we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW p. 68

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

PREFACE LBW p. 68

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER LBW p. 71

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*Lord in your mercy,*

C **Hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION HYMN “*The First Noel*” LBW# 56

POST COMMUNION PRAYER LBW p. 74

BLESSING LBW p. 76

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

C *(Sung)* **Three Fold Amen**

SENDING HYMN: “The Bells Of Christmas” LBW# 62

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you to all who contributed to the Virtual Christmas Program! A special thank you to Jenni Hartman and Chelsey Koenig for helping organize it! And thank you to Karen Sinding for all your help in getting photos and videos to me. I apologize to Karen & John for omitting their photo...and if I missed anyone else, I am so sorry! All of the readers and musical participants were wonderful! There

**were 60 kids(!) involved with the coloring page messages! And thanks to Kari Sundermann for recording the preschoolers...they were so cute! A huge thanks to Pastor Randall & Kim for all the music and photos! It was wonderful to have so many of our members participate; we have really missed seeing everyone in person! May each of you be blessed with health and peace in the New Year!
~Kathy Hegge**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

Baltic	9:00 Worship/Communion
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of January 3rd

- Tue Jan 4 Annual Report Deadline**
- Wed Jan 6 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting**
6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation at East
- Thu Jan 7 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting**
9:00 Bulletin Assembly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of January 10th

- Mon Jan 11 7:00 East Council Meeting**
- Tue Jan 12 Annual Report Assembly**
7:30 Baltic Council Meeting
- Wed Jan 13 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation at East**
6:30-7:30 Food Bank Open
- Thu Jan 14 9:00 Bulletin Assembly**