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Liturgy For The Lord's Day

December 21st, 2025 | 9:30AM

Next Week

SERMON

Jonathan Lamb

FAMILY WORSHIP

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming
- #586

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call To Worship*Please stand.***CALL TO ASSEMBLE**

Minister:

Grace, mercy, and peace to you,
from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**Congregation:****And also to you.****PSALM READING****Psalm 137**

Minister:

Lift up your hearts!

Congregation:**We lift them up to the Lord!****PRAYER OF ADORATION****ACAPELLA PSALM/HYMN**** Prepared from Family Worship***While Shepherds Watched****Their Flocks - #569****Confession of Sin***Congregation is invited to kneel if able.***Gently, Gently Lay Your Rod
(Psalm 6) - #18 (Treasury)****PRAYER OF CONFESSION****James 1:14-15***Please stand.***ASSURANCE OF PARDON****James 5:15**

Minister:

Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation:**Thanks be to God!****Confession of Faith****The Chalcedonian Definition**

Minister: Christian, what do you confess?

Congregation: We confess our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial also with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, yet without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin, Mary, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one**Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the fathers has handed down to us.****Gloria Patri - #735****The Baptist Catechism Q. 112-113**

Minister: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

Congregation: In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are rather encouraged to ask because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Minister: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

Congregation: In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 58

Minister: Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the children of man uprightly?

Congregation: No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.

Minister: The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

Congregation: They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear.

Minister: Mankind will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous;

Congregation: Surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

Consecration

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

SERMON

Luke 1:39–56

Please sit.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Opening: 1 John 5:14-15

Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Supplication: Psalm 28:2

The Lord’s Prayer - #725

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Please stand.

Tell Out, My Soul - #556

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen - #579

Communion

Please sit.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE

In Tenderness He Sought Me

May I Come To The Lord’s Table?

At San Diego Reformed Church, we commit ourselves to observe The Lord’s Supper at every Lord’s Day service. We are a church that cherishes the Word of God. Accordingly, our service is filled with the Word. We pray the Word, recite the Word, sing the Word, sit under the preaching of the Word, and at the height of it all, sit down to feast upon the Word.

God has already prepared the table for us. So, we warmly invite to the Lord’s table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner (spiritually poor and sick, as Calvin put it), without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament.

If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

Commissioning

CLOSING DOXOLOGY

Behold Bless The Lord (Psalm 134) - #269

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20–21

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
 2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread Had seized their troub - led minds—

melody

The an - gel of the Lord
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy

The an - gel of the Lord came down, The an - gel of the
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Glad tid - ings of great

The an - gel of the Lord came down, The an - gel of the
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Glad tid - ings of great

came down
 I bring,

Lord came down,
 joy I bring, And glo - ry shone a - round. round.
 Lord came down, To you and all man - kind. kind.
 joy I bring

Lord came down
 joy I bring

3. "To you in David's town this day,
 Is born of David's line,
 The Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
 And this shall be the sign:

4. "The Heav'nly Babe you there shall find
 To human view displayed,
 All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
 And in a manger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace:
 Good will henceforth, from Heav'n to men,
 Begin and never cease!"

Gently, Gently Lay Your Rod

Based on Psalm 6

Em C/E Em D/F# G D C2 G D/F#

1. ¹Gen - tly, gen - tly lay Your rod On my sin - ful heart, O GOD;
 2. ³My soul is in great dis - tress: Send, O send Your pro - mised rest!
 3. ⁵Who with - in the si - lent grave Will re - call or give You praise?
 4. ⁸So de - part from me, a - way! Men of e - vil, be a - shamed!

5 Em C/E Em D C Bm7 C D Em

Stay Your wrath! ²In mer - cy, stay, Or I sink be - fore its sway.
 LORD, I cry, "How long? How long?" My great need has been my song.
 LORD, my trem - bling soul now give Words of grace and I will live.
 For the LORD has heard my cry, ⁹As my pray'r a - scends on high.

C G D/F# Em G/D C G

Heal me, for my flesh is weak; Heal me, for Your grace I seek.
⁴Look, O LORD, with gra - cious eye, Turn and take my guilt - y life;
⁶I am wear - y from the years Of the dark - ness filled with tears.
 Lo! He comes! He heeds my plea. Lo! He comes! the shad - ows flee!

13 Em C/E Em/D C G/B C D Em

This my on - ly plea I make, Heal me for Your mer - cy's sake.
 May Your grace from Heav'n a - bove, Save me in Your stead - fast love.
⁷Oh, my sight, be - cause of grief, Wastes a - way and now is weak.
 Glo - ry round me dawns once more; Rise my spir - it and a - dore!

Gloria Patri

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a series of chords and eighth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, starting with a measure number '7' above the first note. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. Both staves end with a double bar line.

the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Text: Traditional, c. 100s

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Cantor *Congregation*

8 ⁹Our Father who art in Heav-en, Hal-low - ed be Thy name. ¹⁰Thy king-dom come.

5
8 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heav-en. ¹¹Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

8
8 ¹²And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

10
8 ¹³And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil; ForThine is the

12
8 king-dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Tradional, very ancient

Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611*

Tell Out, My Soul

From Luke 1:46-55

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un - num-bered
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name! Make known His
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might! Pow'rs and do -
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word! Firm is His

Tell out

6
bless - ings give my spir - it voice; Ten - der to me the
might, the deeds His arm has done; His mer - cy sure, from
min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and stub - born
pro - mise, and His mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the

Ten - der
Mer - cy
Proud hearts and
Tell out

10,
pro - mise of His Word; In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
age to age the same; His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
wills are put to flight, The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
great-ness of the Lord To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

Music: Walter Greatorex, 1916

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961 ©

WOODLANDS

10 10. 10 10.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may.
 2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, This bless - ed Babe was born
 3. *From God our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came*
 4. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 5. *The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind*
 6. But when to Beth - le - hem they came Where our dear Sav - ior lay,
 7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es All you with - in this place

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
 And laid with - in a man - ger Up - on this bless - ed morn,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
 This day is born a Sav - ior Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing In tem - pest, storm and wind,
 They found Him in a man - ger Where ox - en feed on hay;
 And with true love and bro - ther - hood Each oth - er now em - brace.

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
 The which His moth - er Mar - y Did noth - ing take in scorn.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
 To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way This bless - ed Babe to find.
 His moth - er Mar - y kneel - ing Un - to the Lord did pray.
 This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Oh, tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;

In Tenderness He Sought Me

In tenderness He sought me,
Weary and sick with sin;
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again.
While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

He washed the bleeding sin-wounds,
And poured in oil and wine;
He whispered to assure me,
"I've found thee, thou art Mine."
I never heard a sweeter voice,
It made my aching heart rejoice.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

He pointed to the nail prints,
For me His blood was shed;
A mocking crown so thorny
Was placed upon His head.
T'was nothing that He saw in me,
To suffer such deep agony.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

I'm sitting in His presence,
The sunshine of His face,
While with adoring wonder,
His blessings I retrace.
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

So while the hours are passing,
All now is perfect rest;
I'm waiting for the morning,
The brightest and the best.
When He will call us to His side,
To be with Him, His spotless bride.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

3-part canon

¹ Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD.

³ The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

G G D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

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The Gathering

Family Lunch & Fellowship

Today | After Service

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Christmas Caroling

December 23rd | 6:30pm

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Christmas Eve Service

A Candlelight Service

December 24th | 6:00pm

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