

+ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS +  
January 2, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS1

Hymn: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

**Exhortation**

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

### Absolution

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*



**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

**C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God,\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\***  
**in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!\*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

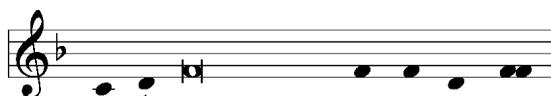
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

**Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]
- A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

**Gloria in Excelsis** (p. 154 for music) ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- A** (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
- C** (sung) **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament

*1 Kings 3:4-15*

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

**C** **To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

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. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

*Luke 2:40*

**P** Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.



And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## Hymn of the day: 410 Within the Father's House



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,  
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car-nate God be - low.  
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

△ 6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

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**+ Sermon +**

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Announcement of Offering

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## PRAYERS TO GOD ON BEHALF OF...

World: Troubled regions of the world. Church: Preparation for our King to come, Advent!

Birth: **Justin** (born to Pastor Jasper and Josephine in Kenya). **Frankie** (grandson and nephew to the Nunnink and Lee families at Praise. **Thomas Bean** (new grandson of friends of Judy Kalkitis)

Expecting a child: **Luke & Blair Johnson;**

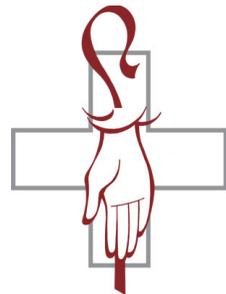
Recently born: **Addilyn Christianson** (Gretchen's neice's newborn daughter); **Grace** and **Callie** (Smolter's extended family): newborns now home from hospital.

Recently Married: **Cole & Tamia Smith** (Oct 14); **Jackson & Morgan James** (Oct 23)

Mourning: Family of **Bruce Weirauch** (Vicky Gorman's uncle), especially Robin his wife. Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23; Family of **Imogene Allen** who passed on 11/25. Family of **Roma Scotton** who passed on Aug 12. **Evelyn** (Carley Lawson's nana passed on 11/15; funeral on 11/27).

Health: **Rayland Greene** (Jim Vespers's friend's grandson, 3.5 months old--still in the womb, mother's water broke way too early). **Camebre Pearl** (Carol Ehren's granddaughter): facing surgery to correct a rare malformation. **Betty** (Catherine Boute's son-in-law's mother): hospitalized with Covid. **Joyce** (Meghan Collver's grandmother): hospitalized with Covid. **Jim** (Jim Vesper's father): hospice. **Cathy Wacker's parents: Charlene** (hospice), **Bill**, dementia, health. **Candace Pettyjohn's sister Debra**, Covid and flu. **Christy**, Kim Smolter's cousin, health and mourning. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Pam Truby** (cancer procedure recovery); **Dick Mohr** (lung condition). **Tim Smith** health. **Larry Wacker** health and improvement. **Pastor Tony Sikora** (in Michigan, much recovery needed after effects of Covid). **Stevie** (Aurora's son; stroke recovery). **Marge Peterson** (a friend of Jeanne Lindenfelser) [Marge's] **cousin Sandy** who has 30 days of cancer radiation treatments and for Marge's two **greatgrandchildren** who both are having seizures. **Sean** (Judy's nephew, Florida friend of Tami DeHaven) recovering from coma. **Dwight & Kay** (Myrna's sister and brother-in-law) health. **KP Blizzard** (newborn great grandson of Sandy Bagley) paralyzed vocal cord. **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law ) health. **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) breast cancer treatments. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer.

Birthdays ... Theresa L 1/04, Lisa A 1/10, Camden S 1/13, Rhonda H 1/14



Anniversaries... Joel & Barbara M 1/11, Alan & Jeanne H 1/19, Gustave & Lee S 1/19, Jim & Valerie V 1/20

### Lord's Prayer

☪ **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



## A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

### Preface ~ 2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and ...(seasonal preface in Altar Book)... You and saying:

## Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



## Distribution



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

### Distribution Hymn 1: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

### Distribution Hymn 2: 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

### Distribution Hymn 3: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

### Distribution Hymn 4: 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

#### Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

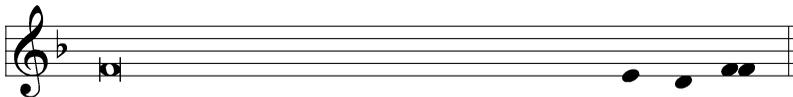
## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



- 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** A - men.

## Sunday Services Time

9:00 a.m. Divine Service, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Divine Service



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## Announcements

**Thank you** for all your wonderful Christmas cards and gifts shared with me and my family. We are so blessed and thankful all year-round and at Christmastime especially. May we share together in all the blessings of our King in the coming new year! Merry Christmas, in Christ+ Pastor Roberts

**Epiphany** (the Gentile Christmas) will be observed NEXT SUNDAY on Sun, Jan. 9.

**Young Adults (18ish to 25ish) Bible Study** will meet again in the new year. Watch for upcoming announcements. Merry Christmas!

**Awake21** A special service to be held at Praise Lutheran on Wed. January 12, at 7 p.m. This is part of a series of worship services in our community lasting for 21 days beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.awake21.com](http://www.awake21.com) for more details.

**Choir** meets this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Men's Lunch** (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. announced after church

**Ladies Bible Study** resumes in January; see Barbara Morsch for announcement.

**Capital Campaign Update** As of December 20, the anticipated contributions to the building fund from congregational contributions has been graciously fulfilled by your sacrificial gifts. We have deposited \$297,305.92 (year to date), while we anticipated \$284,699.00 of actual contributions. Our goal is to raise 2 million and our 3-year commitment total to date is \$956,265.00. Learn more at [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com) for more information.

**Write Rosa Linquist** (grandniece of Kris Smith; granddaughter of Pat Linquist) who is in Navy training (send Christmas greetings, etc.):

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