

# + First Sunday after Christmas +

January 1, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS1

## + Confession and Absolution +

*Pastor Roberts is away today. Please welcome Praise's Elders who will lead the service.*

### Hymn of Invocation: 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 - joice, 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

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- 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.**

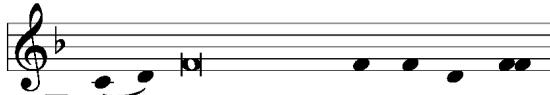
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.



## 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, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. [3]

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. [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 ~ hymnal p. 154 for music

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29*

**A** (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** 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.

## Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**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

*Galatians 4:4–7*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

Luke 2:30, 32

- A** Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



**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

Matthew 2:13–23

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



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

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, 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.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”



But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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



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

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**Children’s Message** [11:00 a.m. service]

## Hymn of the Day: 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



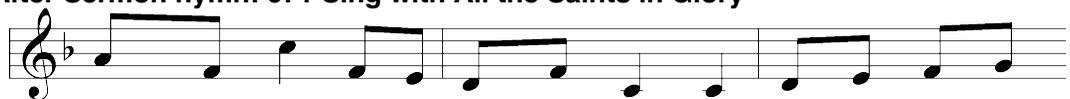
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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+ Sermon +

*The Tyrant vs. Our King*

## After Sermon hymn: 671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has  
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing  
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long, All a - round the  
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived, God has prom - ised,  
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall  
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come  
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,  
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,  
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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## Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

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: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Hurricane/storm recovery in **Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas.**

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.



Vocation: **Tyler** (Airforce) & **Megan Smith** in Mississippi. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Paul & Angela Gift** (expecting). For Bill & Diane Miller's daughter **Anna** (expecting in January). **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**).

Mourning: Family of **Diane Tschappat** (Pastor & Gretchen's brother in law's mother) who passed away. **A son who died** (whose mother is a friend of Mary Schopmann). Family of **Sharon Mueller** (wife of John). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed 1/23.

Health: **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's sister, in hospice care in final days and hours). **Ed McGillick** recovering from a fall, fractured ribs. **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. **Clayton Narveson** recovering after a fall at home before Christmas. For **Kris Smith** recovering from eye surgery. **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) heart attack recovery; **Kris Smith** healing for multiple fractures; **Aurora Stevens** broken back treatment; **Justin Barnett** (Amy Mohr's son, knee surgery recovery). **Janet Moore's mother** (health). For **June McDonnell** (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeannie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. For **Amy Mohr** (hip replacement recovery). **Lori Smith** (partial shoulder surgery recovery). For **Randy Groen** partial shoulder replacement recovery. For **Barbara Moyers** (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Scott Jonas** (friend of Shelli & Travis Haynes, a pastor in St. Louis, thanksgiving for his return home after stroke). For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering. **Bob McDermott** (thanksgiving for new heart valve and better health!). **Mark** (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) knee treatment. **Lois Schering** (recovery from procedure on vocal chords). For **all suffering from mental health issues**. For **Michael** (health). For **Lindsey** (cancer). **Barry** (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) **Al Reuer** physical therapy for hip.

**David Chorney** (thanksgiving for back surgery results!). **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Mike Sullivan** recovering from surgery and for **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Phoenix) recovering from heart surgery. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer treatments. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (thanksgiving, in remission!). **Larry Wacker** (lung condition). Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

**Birthdays:** Audrey F 1/04, Theresa L 1/4, Lawrence McM 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

*Matthew 6:9–13*

℣ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☩ **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 (Pauline)

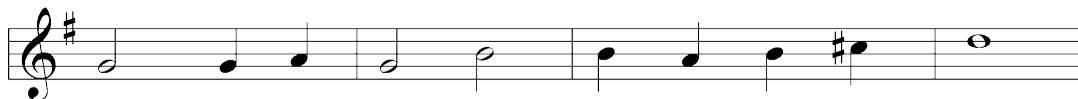
℣ The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

☩ **Amen.**

## Hymn to Depart: 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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### *Ready to Build?*

**See the latest** slides and/or video presentation about our updated drawings and timeline for the upcoming build on our website: **[praiselutheran.com/build](http://praiselutheran.com/build)**

### *Reminders*

**Food for Veterans** box in the Narthex: bring non-perishable food items, gloves, socks...

## Announcements

### *This Week*

**Choir Practice** this Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Study** on break through Christmas, watch for announcement for return

**Men's Lunch** (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *to be announced*

### *Next Sunday and beyond*

**Scripture Readings** for 1/8/23, Baptism of our Lord: Is. 42:1-9, Rom. 6:1-11, Lk 3:15-22

**God Grants Life** a special fundraiser and meal for the Pregnancy Resource Center (of Maryville and Sevierville) will be held on Sat, Jan 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville. Our circuit was awarded a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$25,000 from LCMS Life Ministries for the PRC. Join area LCMS churches coming together for this event with food, a tour of the PRC mobile unit, gathering of gifts, and speakers including LCMS pastors, PRC staff and volunteers, and our own Kate Roberts.