

+ FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS +

December 26, Year of our Lord 2021 | DS1

Hymn of Invocation: 519 In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,
hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him
weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,
Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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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 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

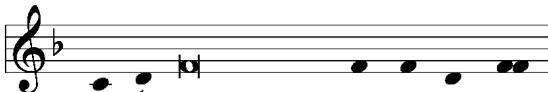


- P** The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
- C** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!***
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
- The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
- He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.***
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
- 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 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.

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. 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



You

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must

forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 2:22-40

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for

him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have
presence of all
a light for revelation to
and for glory to your

And his father and
what was said about
blessed them and said
“Behold, this child is
and rising of many in
is opposed (and a
through your own soul
from many hearts may



prepared in the
peoples,
the Gentiles,
people Israel.”
his mother marveled at
him. And Simeon
to Mary his mother,
appointed for the fall
Israel, and for a sign that
sword will pierce
also), so that thoughts
be revealed.”

And there was a
daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived
with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until
she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and
prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God
and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they
returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the day: 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:
 How great a mystery!
 How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
 No truer friend than He,
 No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
 To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

+ Sermon +

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.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



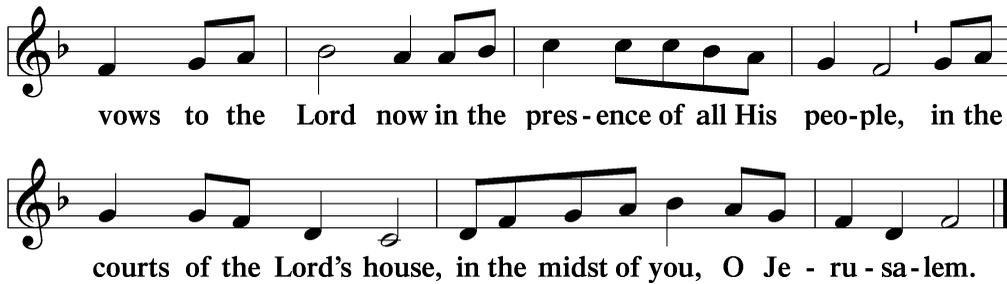
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



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

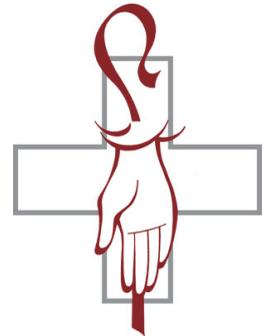
Mourning: Family of **Bruce Weirauch** (Vicky Gorman's uncle), especially Robin his wife. Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23; Family of **Imogene Allen** who passed on 11/25.

Family of **Roma Scotton** who passed on Aug 12. **Evelyn** (Carley Lawson's nana passed on 11/15; funeral on 11/27).

Health: **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. **Joan Large** recovering after breaking arm near wrist. **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 ... Jeff B 12/26, Janice K 12/26, Tim N 12/26, Judy T 12/27, Rose B 12/30, Ole J 12/31, Theresa L 1/04

Anniversaries... Art & April P 12/30, William & Kim S 12/30

Lord's Prayer

C 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



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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

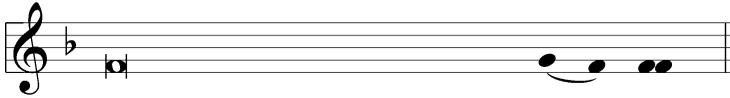
Proclamation of Christ

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.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Distribution Hymn 2: 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Distribution Hymn 3: 365 Away in a Manger

Distribution Hymn 4: 891 O Light Whose Splendor

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

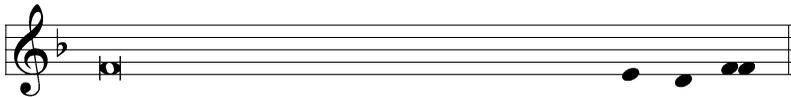
Post-Communion Collect

- 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

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

SR Linquist, Rosa C.
Ship 10, USS Enterprise, Division 034
3425 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3525

Announcements (continued)

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

Church Office will be closed on Mon, Dec. 26. Vicky will be back in office on Tue, Dec. 27 and on Thurs, Dec. 30 in the mornings. Pastor Roberts will be away all this week, but back for services on Sun, Jan 2.

No New Year's Eve or Day Services this year because they land so close to Sun, Jan. 2.

Epiphany (the Gentile Christmas) will be observed 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 1st. Visit 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. (at *Midland Restaurant this week*)

NO Ladies Bible Study this week, will resume in January.

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 for more information.