



Second Sunday After Christmas
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
 January 4-5, 2020



THE PRELUDE: "Angels From the Realms" *arr. by C.S. Lang*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 367 "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (*stand for last stanza; sing "A-men"*.)

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**
 P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
 P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C: **who made heaven and earth.**
 P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

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



The Word became flesh and dwelt / a-mong us, glory as of the / on-ly Son	and we have seen His / glory, from the Father, full of / grace and truth.
It is good to sing praises / to our God;	and a song of praise is / fitting.
Great is our Lord, and abun- / dant in power;	His understanding is beyond / measure.
The LORD takes pleasure in those who / fear Him,	who hope in His / stead-fast love.
Praise the LORD, O Je- / rusalem!	Praise your God, O / Zion!

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.
 Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA: (*sung to the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*)

"Glo-ry be to God on high!" This is now our joy-ful cry.

Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and fav-or for new birth.
 You we praise and glo-ri-fy, Wor-ship You, O Lord most high.
 Gra-cious Fa-ther, heav-'nly King, to Your name a-lone we sing:
 Praise the glo-ry of Your name, Now and ev-er-more the same!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.** P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.
(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

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

THE EPISTLE READING:**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 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA:** page 190 *(sung)* “**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**”**THE HOLY GOSPEL:****Luke 2:40-52**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And the child 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: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** *(inside back cover of the hymnal)**(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 191** *(10:30 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed: page 192***(please be seated)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** *(10:30 a.m.)* *(Children’s Hymnal #296)***As each hap-py Christ-mas dawns on earth a-gain, Comes the ho-ly Christ Child to the hearts of men.****En-ters with His bless-ing in-to ev-ry home, Guides and guards our foot-steps as we go and come.****All un-known, be-side me He will ev-er stand, And will safe-ly lead me with His own right hand.****HYMN OF THE DAY: 410 “Within the Father’s House”** *(stand for last stanza; sing “A-men”).***SERMON:**

Pastor: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

Congregation: and the meditation of our hearts,**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Psalm 19:14)*(please stand if able)* **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.****Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.****Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** “O Trinity, O Blessed Light” *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand if you are able)**(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Leonard Vogt, Arlin Winkelman, Omer Liefer, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Curtis Hartmann, Larry Ebers, Pat Malik, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Stuart Langrehr, Roger Kozora, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Grace Urspruch, Elda Guebert, Pat Wilson, Nancy O’Dell, Guy Lautenschlaeger, Dorothy Gross, Cheryl Zanders. *Help us keep this list current!* **MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* **Army-** Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Allen and Kayce (Matzenbacher) Schaefer on December 30

*The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.**(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.**PREFACE:** page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD’S PRAYER:** page 196**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND PAX DOMINI:** page 197P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.****THE AGNUS DEI:** page 198**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)***523 “O Word of God Incarnate”****627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”****384 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** *(stand for last stanza; sing “A-men”).***NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200**THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:** pages 200-202**BENEDICTION:** page 202**CLOSING HYMN: 850 “God of Grace and God of Glory”****THE POSTLUDE:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,
the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)