

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

First Sunday of Christmas
December 26-27, 2020

Divine Service Four, page 203

The Prelude: "Von Himmel Hoch" setting by Jacob B. Weber

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

The Opening Hymn: 385 "From East to West" (please stand for last stanza; "A-men")



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
 bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Introit: Psalm 98



The Lord has bared His / ho-ly arm
and all the ends / of the earth

Oh sing to the LORD / a new song,
His right hand and His / ho-ly arm

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

All the ends / of the earth

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

as it was in the be- | ginning,

The Lord has bared His / ho-ly arm

and all the ends / of the earth

before the eyes of all the | nations,
shall see the salvation | of our God.

for He has done | marvelous things!
have worked salva- | tion for Him.

and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.

have seen the salvation | of our God.

and to the Holy | Spirit;

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

before the eyes of all the | nations,

shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie (*sung*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis:



- ☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C: 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. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a

bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

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!**

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7

But 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.**

Common Alleluia and Verse *(please stand if you are able)*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him 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 prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the 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.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

(10:30 a.m.) **The 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. *(please be seated)*

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Children's Message Song:**

**God loves me dear-ly, Grants me sal-va-tion, God loves me dear-ly, Loves e-ven me.
There-fore I'll say a-gain: God loves me dear-ly, God loves me dear-ly, Loves e-ven me.
Now I will praise You, O Love E-ter-nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.
There-fore I'll say a-gain: God loves me dear-ly, God loves me dear-ly, Loves e-ven me.**

Hymn of The Day: 519 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

Sermon: "Living Every Day in the Glow of Christmas" Luke 2:22-40

(Please stand if you are able) **Prayer of the Church**

HEALING AND COMFORT: Elda Seders, Kenneth Koester, Kenny Althoff, Ed Luttmann, Barb Ladwig, Joan Prigge, Fred Buch, Dennis Deterding, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Jackie Quintin, Jack Kennedy; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Pat Smith, Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Merlin Liefer, Velma Koenig, Denise Ebers, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Judy Hackstadt. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; 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, Keenan Turnure

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser; Police- Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Jason Palm *(Please call our office with names)*

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *Brief silence*

Eternal Lord God, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as Your sons and heirs. Hear us, Father, as we call to You in His name. Give us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation and grant us a glad new year. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is named, bless the families of all Christians with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless all widows, orphans and broken families also with Your mercy, and give them joy in the redemption You have won for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O worthy Judge, from You proceeds the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Give wisdom to those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may serve faithfully in their tasks, according to Your good pleasure, for the benefit of our people. Protect all who serve in harm's way for our good, remembering especially our military members, law enforcement agents, emergency responders and all healthcare personnel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, receive our prayers for those who suffer from loneliness. Comfort them with the sure and certain knowledge that they will never be forsaken by You. Give them family and friends within the household of faith with whom they can find loving companionship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers including Elda, Kenneth, Kenny, Ed, Barb, Joan, Fred, Dennis, Lori, Jack, David, Jackie, Lori, Roger, Pat, Barb, Boniface, Merlin, Velma, Denise, Doug, Brenda, Judy and those we now name in our hearts. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Graciously regard all for whom we pray asking for relief, recovery and protection from the Covid-19 pandemic. Comfort all those who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Father of lasting peace, show Your mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ

given for them and, with Simeon, be well-prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude here:

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.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

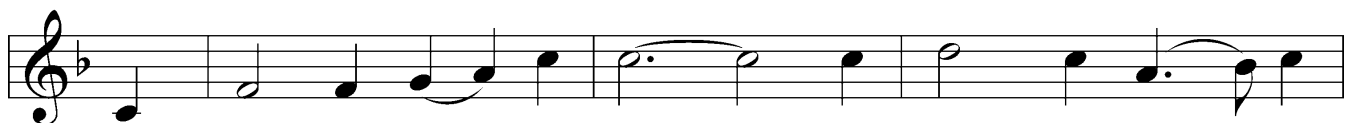
P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

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 **Amen.**

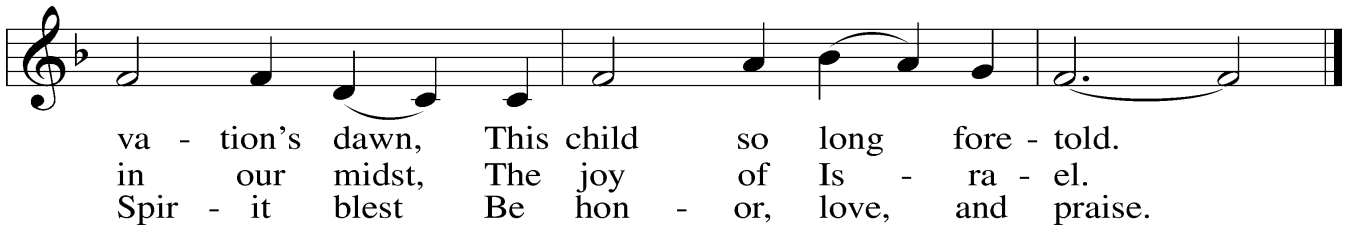
The Closing Hymn: 937 “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” (sing “A-men”)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



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The Postlude: "Land of Rest"

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(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

- 1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

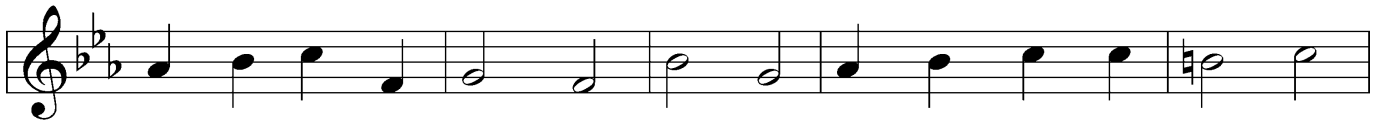
Distribution: (*please be seated*)

(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.)

Hymn: 360 "All My Heart Again Rejoices"



- 1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
- 2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,
- 3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave
- 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,



Sweet-est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing
 Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,
 His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en
 Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
 And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.
 And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

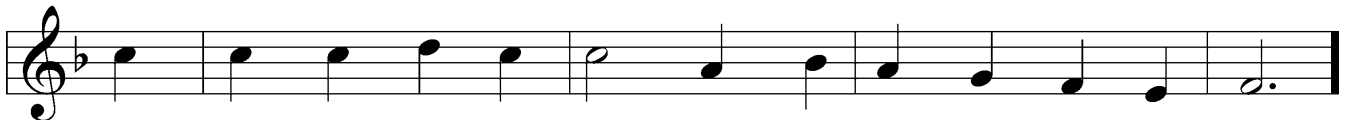
- 5 Softly from His lowly manger Jesus calls One and all,
 "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you
 You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."

- 6 Come, then, banish all your sadness! One and all, Great and small,
 Come with songs of gladness. We shall live with Him forever
 There on high In that joy Which will vanish never. Public domain

Hymn: 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be
 glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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(Please stand if able) **Nunc Dimittis:** page 211

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
 The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
 All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
 For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
 God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

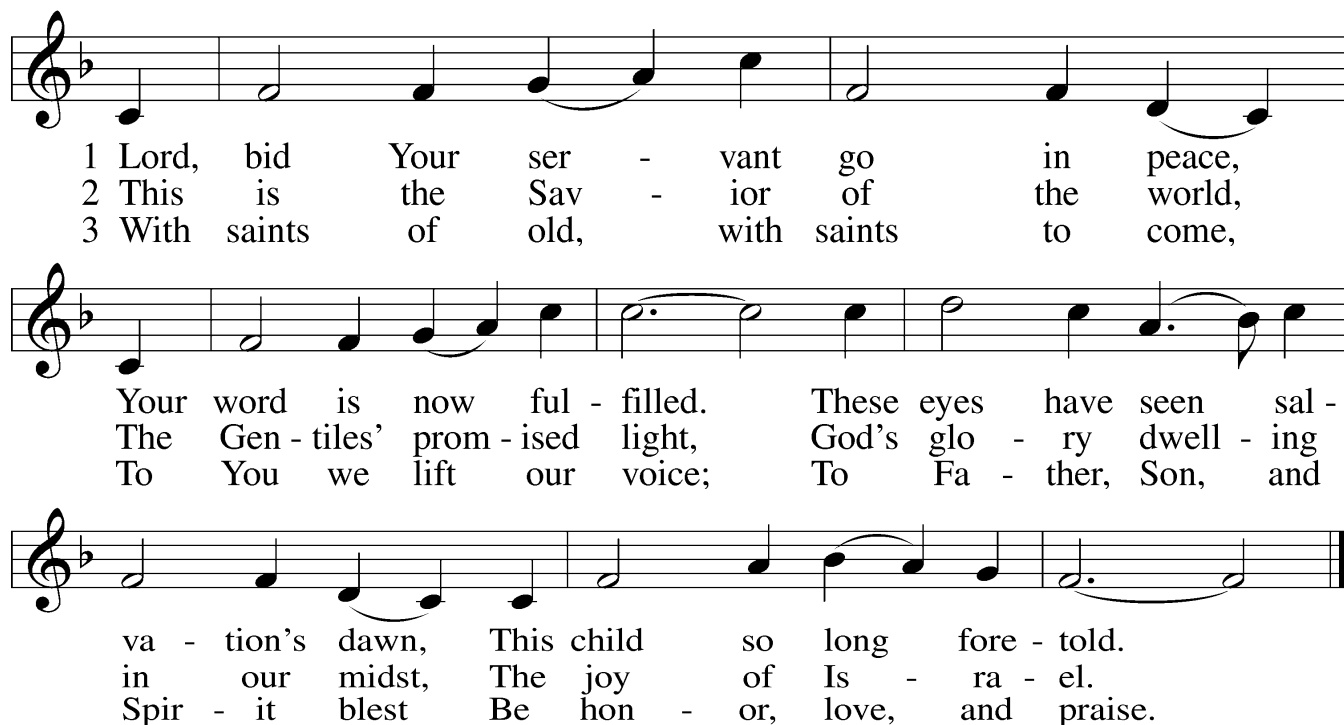
Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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 Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 937 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" (sing "A-men")



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 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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This Week With Our Lord, December 27, 2020- January 3, 2021

SUNDAY, December 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic Class in the new gym wing

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 29-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 30-

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 31- Office Closed

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service Acolyte: Cadin Voss

Friday, January 1- Office Closed

10 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service Acolyte: Karson Liefer

Saturday, January 2-

No Men's Bible Breakfast (resume on the 9th)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Luke Quintin

SUNDAY, January 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Luke Kennedy

9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic class in the new gym wing

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Sofia Jones

CHALICE/COMMON CUP RETURNS:

The chalice/common cup is available for receiving the Lord's Supper should you desire it. While the risk of transmitting a disease in this way is very slight normally, we take the extra precaution of soaking the cloth purificators in high percentage alcohol, which kills the virus.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our quarterly devotion, *Portals of Prayer*, for January-March of 2021 is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 245; Holy Communion: 125; Adults & Youth: 45; Sunday School students: 36

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 12/20- No report. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Luke 2:39 – "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord..."
The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Boxes of offering envelopes are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and any for family members not able to be in worship with us. If you do not see a box for yourself, please call our office at 282-2394 and ask Julie for one. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love. Listen to "Welcome to the Family" (Galatians 4:4-7) with Guest Speaker Dr. Anthony Cook on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

ADDITION TO WORSHIP PRAYERS:

If you are or have in your family an emergency responder or healthcare worker whose position has become especially difficult during this time of pandemic, please call or email our office so that we can list the name of that person in our group prayers much like we remember our nation's military personnel.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Adair this Sunday. DCE Bill Becker continues his class called "Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic." This is in the Junior High wing of the new part of the school.

ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:

Seminarian Waterstreet also is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of "Stump the Seminarian" please send an email to him at waterstreetw@csl.edu and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

WASHING MACHINE:

St. John's Lutheran Daycare is in need of a washing machine. If you know of a used one in good working condition please contact Amanda. Thank you! 282-3873 ext. 224 or amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org

FOOD DRIVE FOR COMWELL:

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food drive for ComWell (Human Service Center) Food Pantry! We have a box in the church entryway for your donations.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

To St. John's member and 8th grade student Samuel Roscow whose essay was selected as 1st place for the District 14 Patriots Pen Award this past Sunday the 20th. They had a modified ceremony for the winners only. His essay will now be submitted to the State.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/27- Rick Liefer, Lynn Langrehr, Louis Stellhorn, Angela Cartee, Andrea Liefer, Bailey Montroy; 12/28- Brenda vanBuren, Linda Koester, Addison Dilley, Bently Valentine; 12/29- Kevin Miller; 12/30- Edward Wagner, Erin Cowell, Allison Rainey, Traci Proctor, Jordan Buch, Blake Uffelmann, Taylor Dilley; 12/31- Reese Foster, Emma Guebert; 1/1- Esther Williams, Jill Harless, Jeremy Voss, Jackie Aubuchon; 1/2- Julie Fleming, Tailor Neuhaus. *Please call the office for corrections!*

THANK YOU:

+from Lou Ann Gerlach: “Thank you for all the things you gave us. We appreciate it all. Thank you for the poinsettias and the gift card.”

+to Olivia Schmitz for her monetary gift to our Decorations Fund in loving memory of her husband, Wilbert Schmitz, and her son, Danny Schmitz.

+to everyone in our St. John’s family of faith who remembered our family at Christmas with your kind cards and generous gifts. We praise God for your goodness to us and your support of us. May He continue to bless you, your families and our shared ministry here at St. John’s
Pastor Mark, Cindy and the Nebel family

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Boost Your Immune System: Almonds contain vitamin E which is important for a healthy immune system. So do sunflower seeds along with phosphorous, magnesium, and vitamin B-6. Sprinkle them on salads or have a handful as an afternoon snack. Kiwis naturally contain vitamin C to boost the white bloods cells which fight infection. They offer other nutrients such as folate, potassium, and vitamin K to keep the rest of your body functioning properly.

VIRTUAL “BREW IN THE LOU”:

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA, we are a member), is selling “Brew in the Lou” passports. They are in our office or you can go to www.LESAstl.org. The cost is \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in area Lutheran schools.

BOOK NOOK CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOK:

The latest addition to our church library in the Fellowship Hall is “Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith.” This is published by Voice of the Martyrs. “These role models of faith and passion will inspire you to pursue Christ with heart aflame, no matter what the cost.”

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfuo.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org we continue our special Twelve Days of Christmas programming full of sacred music, scripture, prayers, and special talk segments. Listen to this special programming for the Christmas season from December 24 to January 6!

ISSUES, ETC.: Talk Radio and Podcasts for the Christmas Season: December 23-January 1

Early Church Fathers on the Birth of Christ

Rev. Will Weedon of “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”

The Birth of Jesus Foretold in Micah

Dr. Jason Soenksen of Concordia University Wisconsin

Holiday Depression- Dr. Beverly Yahnke of Doxology

The New Year Hymn “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

Dr. Arthur Just of Concordia Theological Seminary

The Top Religion Stories of 2020- Terry Mattingly of GetReligion

Listen at www.issuesetc.org

LIFE THOUGHTS: (*from Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

St. John testifies of a Savior whose atoning sacrifice saves from all our sins and shortcomings (1 John 2:2). His shed blood (Revelation 1:5) has rendered that of abortion and physician assisted suicide as unnecessary as it is ineffective and immoral. These measures have no power to deliver, and even their power to condemn fails—if we confess our sins, even sins against the sanctity of life, Jesus faithfully forgives and cleanses (1 John 1:9).

UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS: www.unityesl.org

The theme of this school year is “Walking Together in Christ.” There are 136 students this year with 21 of them participating on-line. Unity’s principal, Rev. Aaron Dickerson leads the daily “Belong to Jesus” time. This year he is sharing lessons from the book of Genesis on God’s creation of the world, humanity’s fall into sin, and God’s covenant with Abraham.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who has supported the work and ministry of *Christ Our Savior*. It isn’t too late to make a donation for the 2020 tax year. You can make a donation by mailing or dropping off a check or by visiting our website: www.coslhs.org.

Part-time Job Opportunity: COS looking to employ a part-time facilities manager for less than 20 hours a week. If you are interested, please call the office for more details.

Thrivent Action Grants: Members of Thrivent can request two \$250 action grants each year. If you or a family member has a Thrivent Action team they have not used yet, please consider using it for a project for COS. We would like to update landscaping, do some deep cleaning, painting, and maintenance work. Please contact Lisa via email at enroll@coslhs.org or call the school if you would like to use an Action Team Grant toward one or more of these projects.

School Visitors: Please follow state COVID guidelines when visiting school.

School Holiday Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
School will be closed Friday, January 1, 2021.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



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Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Director of Christian Education and School Librarian – Mr. Bill Becker 282-2958

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior Youth – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654

Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham,

Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, Karin Russo and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Andrew Stellhorn

Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Clifford Adair Lector: (8 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
 Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ayden Wiegard; (8 a.m.) ; (10:30 a.m.) Kerrigan Zeiger
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Diane Kunkelmann Paraments: Virginia Moeller

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet and our high school students have begun a study on “The Gospel of Matthew.” This is in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

CAMP WARTBURG NEWS: www.campwartburg.com

Due to social distancing, children were in day camp all summer with ten or less in each group. Our staff did an amazing job keeping the children in their groups, delivering snacks and lunch to their cabins and providing a safe environment. We were excited to minister to over 120 children at some level. We now are able to provide a much needed service to the community with our day camp, our classroom settings and our before and after school care program. Currently children arrive on the school bus daily ready for lunch and very excited to be at Camp Wartburg for the remainder of the afternoon. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider a gift of support as plans are being made to welcome retreat groups and campers this spring.