



First Sunday of Christmas
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
December 30-31, 2017



THE PRELUDE: "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness" *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 519 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185 *(please stand if you are able)*

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 98; Isaiah 52:10



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.
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KYRIE: *(sung)*
 Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: pages 187-189

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

L: Let us pray. 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.

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

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.

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

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190
(sung) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **C:** *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, 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:** *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 389 “Let All Together Praise Our God” *(please stand for the last stanza)*

SERMON: Luke 2:22-40

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

C: and the meditation of our hearts,

ALL: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

(please stand if able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

(please be seated)

OFFERING: “Let All Together Praise Our God”

arranged by Johann Gottfried Walther

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

(Each petition ends “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wilma Uffermann, Bill Smith, Nina Guebert, Dorothy Peters, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Donald Kueker, Paulette Kueker, Iona Burgdorf, Jane Donjon, Diana Becker, David W. Stellhorn, Timothy Koen, Jonathan Koen, Addalyn Schloemann; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Jamie Brandt, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel Montroy, Dwain Schrader, Brian Ulione, Brenda Manning, Bobby Wood, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Michelle Gibbs, Caleb Oakley, Collin Ratliff, Con Healey, Boniface Becker, Dorothy F. Gross. *Help us keep this list current!*

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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 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** *(sung)* **A-men.**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(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.)

384 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *(please stand for the last stanza)*

636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

(please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200

THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS: pages 200-202

BENEDICTION: page 202

CLOSING HYMN: 937 “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

THE POSTLUDE: “Let Our Gladness Have No End”

arranged by Theodore Beck

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