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Second Sunday of Christmas
January 2-3, 2021

The Prelude: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" *arranged by Tim Shewmaker*

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!

Opening Hymn: 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *(please stand for the last stanza)*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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A - men.

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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 147; John 1:14



The Word became flesh and dwelt / a-mong us, and we have seen His | glory,
 glory as of the only Son from the / Father, full of | grace and truth.

It is good to sing praises | to our God; it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; His understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear Him,

in those who hope in His | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jer- | usalem!

Praise your God, O | Zion!

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 Word became flesh and dwelt / a-mong us, and we have seen His | glory,
glory as of the only Son from the / Father, full of | grace and truth.

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-shiped 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 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.

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: 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.

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 2:40-52

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

(5 p.m. and 8 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.

(10:30 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.**

(please be seated)

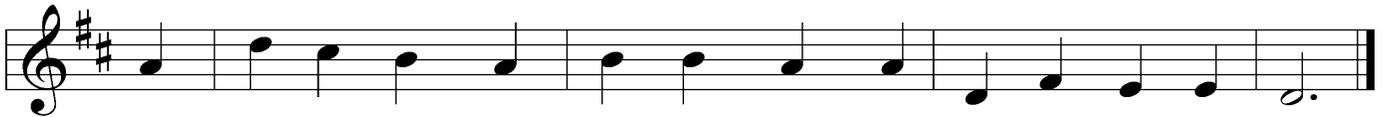
(10:30 a.m.) **Children's Message Song: (The Children's Hymnal #296)**

**As each happy Christmas Dawns on earth again,
Comes the holy Christ Child To the hearts of men.
Enters with His blessing Into ev-'ry home
Guides and guards our footsteps As we go and come.
All unknown, beside me He will ever stand.
And will safely lead me With His own right hand.**

Hymn of The Day: 410 “Within the Father’s House” (*stand for the last stanza, “A-men”*)



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,
 2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
 4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
 And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
 To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
 And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace
 Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace.

Please stand if able

6 Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One. A-men.

Sermon: “Jesus Is in the House!” Luke 2:40-52

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

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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.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You gave to Your servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Your people Israel, chiefly the wisdom that begins in fearing You. Give to the leaders and elected officials of our nation wisdom for their task to discern between good and evil and to govern this people in peace and quietness. Be gracious to preserve our president and president-elect, our governor, and all legislators and judges. 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.**

Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, *especially* do we place into Your care and keeping Elda, Kenneth, Kenny, Ed, Barb, Joan, Fred, Dennis, Lori, David, Jackie, Jack, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Merlin, Doug, Brenda, Judy, Wayne, Max and those we now name in our hearts asking for You to heal them according to Your will. Graciously regard all for whom we pray asking for relief, recovery and protection from the Covid-19 pandemic. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

The 10:30 a.m. service concludes 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: 367 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (sing "A-men")



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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The Postlude: “Fugue in E Minor”

by Johann S. Bach

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(5 p.m. and 8 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: 362 "O Sing of Christ"

Hymn: 388 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

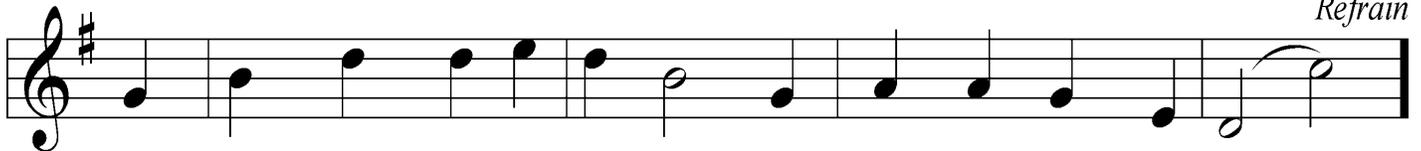
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Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain

Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Hymn: 389 "Let All Together Praise Our God" (*stand for last stanza, "A-men"*)



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
 5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



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
 mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



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.
 tru - er friend than He, No tru - er 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.

Please stand if you are able

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

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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.**

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all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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The Postlude: “Fugue in E Minor”

by Johann S. Bach

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This Week With Our Lord, January 3-10, 2021

SUNDAY, January 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in their church basement hangout

Monday, January 4-

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, January 5-

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

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference

Wednesday, January 6- *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel in the new gym

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

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, January 7-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

2:00 p.m. “At-Risk/Vulnerable” Holy Communion Service

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, January 8-

8:20 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service in the new gym

Saturday, January 9-

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Job)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Ava Clifford

SUNDAY, January 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Kadin Liefer

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 with Holy Communion Acolyte: Gavin Baldwin

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:

Christmas Eve Worship: 465; Communion: 328; Christmas Day Worship: 85; Communion: 70

Worship: 169; Holy Communion: 38; Adults & Youth: 35; Sunday School students: 26

New Year’s Eve Worship: 45; Communion 36 New Year’s Day Worship: 17

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 12/20- General Fund: \$15,695.20; School: \$765; Christmas Decoration: \$100. 12/27- General Fund: \$37,591; Debt: \$120,300; School: \$1975. “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*

1 Kings 3:4 – “And 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.” Now that’s a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow’s mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

POINSETTIAS:

Thank you to all those who purchased a poinsettia flower for the decoration of our chancel during this Christmas season! You may take the number of those that you purchased home with you after worship today.

SENIOR YOUTH:

Our senior youth will gather at noon this Sunday in their church basement hangout.

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!

EPISTLES:

The January edition of our congregation’s newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our congregation’s website, www.stjohnsredbud.org, and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor has an email address.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The Gospel of Mark shows that Jesus is always on the move. Listen to “Too Much” (Mark 1:1-2:12) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler 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 Nebel this Sunday. We begin a new topic, “Fear or Faith; Terror or Trust? Worldly Existence or Christian Living.” This is a great time to start a new practice of Sunday Bible study! 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.

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.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We will welcome Logan Ronald Gramenz into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a private family service Sunday afternoon. He is the son of Mark and Melissa (Seymour) Gramenz. His baptismal sponsors are Eric Gramenz and David Gramenz. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: *Perfect Attendance in December:*

1st Grade: Conner Liefer; 2nd Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Emma Guebert, Lucy Kuehn; 3rd Grade: Kellen Herriman; 4th Grade: Caleb Klausing; 5th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter; 6th Grade: Amelia Guebert; 8th Grade: Makayla Liefer, Sam Roscow, and Daniel Stapleton.

Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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 Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/3- Alice Guebert, Terry Liefer, Linda Guebert; 1/4- Jeffrey Koester, Nicholas Grohmann, Hudson Schmidt; 1/5- David Blankenship, Garrick Liefer, Melissa Miller, Sara (Siegfried) Shepherd, Devin Johnson; 1/6- Andre Voges, Damon Trost, Dane Stellhorn, Emry Voss; 1/7- Marie Voges; 1/8- Iona Burgdorf, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer; 1/9- Jennifer Koester. *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*

When you are halfway through a meal, pause, drink half a glass of water. Then decide if you are hungry for the rest of your food or if you are just eating it because the food is on your plate.

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.

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 celebrate our Savior's birth during the 12 Days of Christmas with music, prayer, and scripture, with regular programming resuming January 7. We are excited to welcome Rev. Brady Finnern as the host for Thy Strong Word, airing weekdays at 11:00 a.m.

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

Adoption is not an afterthought for our Almighty God. It delights Him to bring every human life into His family this way (Ephesians 1:5). He even arranged for a human husband to adopt His only-begotten Son (Luke 2:48). This relationship captures the very heart of the Gospel of

Jesus Christ. His grace has taught us how no child ever goes entirely unwanted. The same heavenly joy awaits all those who open their homes to little ones in need.

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.

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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2021-2022 is March 31, 2021. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit 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 Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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



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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

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Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Lector: (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Luke Quintin; (8 a.m.) Luke Kennedy; (10:30 a.m.) Sofia Jones

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Kathy Valleroy and Skylar Valleroy Paraments: Carol Turner