

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 1-2, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Let Our Gladness Have No End" *arranged by Theodore Beck*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 384 "Of the Father's Love" (*stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men"*)



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.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.***CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:** pages 184-185

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

INTROIT: John 1:14; Psalm 147

The Word became flesh and dwelt / a-mong us,

And we have seen / His glo-ry.

It is good to sing praises / to our God.

A song of praise / is fit-ting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- / dant in power; His understanding is beyond / mea-sure.

The Lord takes pleasure in those / who fear Him, those who hope in His / stead-fast love.

Praise the Lord, O Je- / ru-sa-lem!

Praise your God, O / Zion!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spir-it;

as it was in the be- / gin-ning,

is now, and will be forever / A-men.

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

P: Glory be to God on high: **C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

P: Let us pray. **C: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

1st Kings 3:4-15

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. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And 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. **L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

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, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Luke 2:40-52**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. ⁴¹Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

⁴⁸And 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." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 191**

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)*

(10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 192**

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,

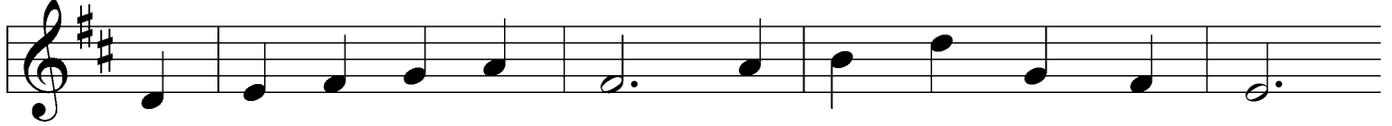
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)*

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

**Come, Your hearts and voic-es rais-ing, Christ the Lord with glad-ness prais-ing;
Loud-ly sing His love a-maz-ing, Wor-thy folk of Chris-ten-dom.
Grac-ious Child, we pray, O hear us. From Your low-ly man-ger cheer us,
Gent-ly lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir a-bove.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 410 “Within the Father’s House”



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: (*Saturday*) “Resolution or Commitment?” Ephesians 1:3-14

(*Sunday*) “Asking For What We Did Not Get For Christmas” 1st Kings 3:5-12

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(*Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Don Kueker, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Gary Schwartzkopf, Faye Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Nelda Eggemeyer, Betty Deterding, Ruby Muench, Stephanie Reinhardt, Clarence Guebert, Rev. Mark Willig, Anita Mueller, Tom Lewis. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow (*Please call our office with names*)

+those who mourn: the families of St. John's members Larry Ebers and Orville Liefer

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

Lord of hosts, preserve Your Church and look favorably on her ministers. Give them delight in this joyful season and restful reflection on the mystery of Your incarnation, that they may preach Your Word boldly and faithfully. 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, uphold and strengthen our president and Congress; our governor and legislature; all judges and magistrates; all public servants; all the members of our nation's armed forces; all law enforcement, firefighters and emergency personnel; all healthcare workers; and all those who protect us in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, *especially* Don, Elroy, Ruth, Gary, Faye, Ken, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Nelda, Betty, Ruby, Stephanie, Clarence, Rev. Mark, Anita, Tom, and those we remember in our hearts, and heal them according to Your will. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in Christ *especially* those who this week will celebrate Your gifts of life and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all life, we pray that You will give comfort and hope to all who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death, *especially* remembering Larry's family and Orville's family as You have called these men out of their baptized lives with us and into Your visible and glorious presence. We thank You for the many blessings You gave to them in this life, for the blessing they were to those around them, and for the blessing of faith in Your Son Jesus that Your Holy Spirit worked within them. We trust that You will comfort their families with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and those subject to us, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The 10:30 a.m. service concludes here.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, ...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (sung) A-men, a-men, a-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 390 "Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
 That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**
 P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
 C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(please be seated)***

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 373 “See amid the Winter’s Snow”

See a-mid the win-ter’s snow, Born for us on earth be-low,
 See, the gen-tle Lamb ap-pears, Prom-ised from e-ter-nal years.
Refrain Hail, O ev-er-bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion’s hap-py dawn!
 Sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem: “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”

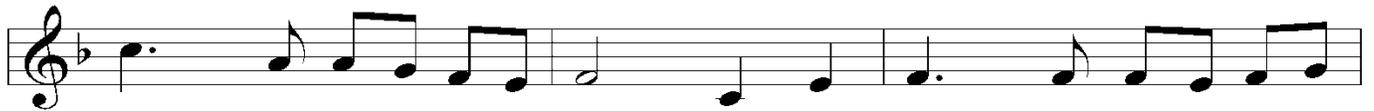
Lo, with-in a sta-ble lies he who built the star-ry skies,
 He, who, throned in height sub-lime, Sits a-mid the cher-u-bim. (*refrain*)

Sa-cred In-fant, all di-vine, What a ten-der love was Thine,
 Thus to come from high-est bliss Down to such a world as this! (*refrain*)

Teach, O teach us, ho-ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,
 Teach us to re-sem-ble Thee In Thy sweet hu-mil-i-ty. (*refrain*)

376 “Once in Royal David’s City”

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid’s cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood’s pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav’n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
 Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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381 "Let Our Gladness Have No End"



- 1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



- For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200 (*sung*)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C (*sung*) and His mercy endureth forever.
 A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C (*sung*) Amen.

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

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

P Bless we the Lord. **C** (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C (*sung*) **Amen, amen, amen.**

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 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
 That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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THE POSTLUDE: “A Little Fugue”

by David Schelat

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This Week With Our Lord, January 2-9, 2022

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022-

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH&SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

2:00 p.m. Senior Youth Skating at Steinberg in St. Louis

Monday, January 3-

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

Tuesday, January 4-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Trinity/Prairie

Wednesday, January 5- *Girls' B team tourney at Holy Cross*

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel in the new gym with Mr. Becker

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 6-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
 3:00 p.m. Epiphany Holy Communion service at church
 5:30 p.m. Boys' A&B Basketball at Chester Junior High
 6:00 p.m. Girls' A&B Basketball at home vs. Valmeyer

Friday, January 7- Report Cards go home! Girls' BB at HC

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym with Mr. Becker

Saturday, January 8-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, January 9-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH&SL) and Youth (school) Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 4:00 p.m. Senior Youth Progressive Dinner

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Christmas Eve- Worship: 554; Communion: 403

Christmas Day- Worship: 93; Communion: 79; Sunday Worship: 104

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/26- General: \$103,714; School: \$22,845; Debt: \$19,564.84; Church Roof Repairs: \$10,000; Road to Bethlehem: \$500; School Operating: \$100. *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)

ENVELOPES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours and those for your immediate family members. If you do not have a box but would like one, please call Leslie in our church office.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 2:40 – "And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him." At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow in faith and wisdom this year?

THOSE who gave a poinsettia may pick it(them) up after late service today.

AN ADDITION TO THE POINSETTIA LIST:

In loving memory of Ralph Born, Evan Rushing, Patricia Selix and Rich Candler as a gift from Joe, Staci, Riley and Olivia Candler. Thank you!

EPISTLES:

The January edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to everyone for whom Pastor has an address.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families of St. John's members Orville Liefer who died in the Lord last Sunday evening at the age of 91 years and Larry Ebers who died in the Lord last Sunday morning at the age of 71 years. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for impatient people. Listen to "Gospel Power for Personal Patience" (Luke 2:40-52) with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz on KFUD AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

PORTALS OF PRAYER DEVOTIONS:

The new issue of our quarterly devotional booklets, *Portals of Prayer*, for January through March is available in the racks by the front doors of church.

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

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker's classroom: "Tensions Between Faith and Culture"

Adult Bible Class in the school library with Mr. Palm: "Being Lutheran"

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: "Proverbs"

BIBLE CLASSES RESUME:

Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday Morning Women, Wednesday evening (1st Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are back in session this week. The Wednesday morning women's class meets on January 5 at 9:30 a.m. to begin a study of the book of Esther based on a guide by Donna Snow. This is a great time to join them! Please contact Janel Kassing for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for December: Nursery: Case Uffelmann; Pre-Kdg: Jettson Grohmann; Kindergarten: Elaina Uffelmann, Kolton Liefer; Natalie Bowles; 1st: Elsie Liefer, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4th: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer; 5th: Clare Carnahan; 6th: Sydney Kassing; 8th: Noah Kassing. Thank you for your participation and faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

+Skating on Sunday, January 2 at 2 p.m. (meet in the St John's Lutheran School parking lot). Steinberg Ice Rink is offering bumper cars on ice this year. Costs: \$10 general admission; \$5 skate rental; \$15 bumper cars/ten-minute ride.

+On Sunday January 9, instead of our monthly meeting, we will have our annual progressive dinner. We will meet at the school parking lot at 3:30 p.m. so we can carpool and arrive at the first stop by 4 p.m. 1st stop: Appetizers; 2nd stop: Salad at Bill Becker's house; 3rd stop: Main course; 4th stop: Dessert hosted by Hannah and Megan at Megan Henry's house. I am looking for hosts for appetizers and main course. *Susie Harms*

ANNUAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be Sunday, January 23, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and board members for the next year. We will hear financial updates from 2021 and ministry plans for 2022. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are voting members and encouraged to attend.

MUSKETEER MARKET COLLECTION:

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food and personal care drive for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. We will deliver the items to high school weekly.

MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG:

Brian and Jeff Becker (cousins to Jennifer Becker-Roscow) will lead a Tender Lions Men's Retreat at Camp Wartburg (south of Waterloo) this coming January 14-15. Come join us as we explore the vital relationship between fathers and sons. This link takes you to the camp's site... <https://campwartburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Mens-Retreat-2022.pdf>

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. 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 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).*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Alice Smith, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Waterloo Cedarhurst- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/2- Julie Fleming, Tailor Neuhaus; 1/3- Terry Liefer, Alice Guebert, Linda Guebert; 1/4- Richard Miller, Jeffrey Koester, Nicholas Grohmann, Hudson Schmidt; 1/5- David Blankenship, Garrick Liefer, Melissa Miller, Derek Mayberry, Sara Shepherd, Devin Johnson; 1/6- Andre Voges, Damon Trost, Emry Voss; 1/7- Marie Voges; 1/8- Karleigh Liefer, Kade Liefer. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

VISITORS AT SCHOOL:

Other than regular volunteers, we are limiting visitors into the school. Parents and guests are to stay in the entryway of the Main Entrance to drop off/pick up items or to meet their children to take them to appointments. Thanks!

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens will host a brief pro-life prayer vigil on Sun January 23, 2022, at 3 p.m. Afterwards in our fellowship hall a representative from Life Network, a pregnancy resource center with offices in Waterloo and Red Bud, will share some information regarding the ministry and outreach of Life Network. A free-will offering will be collected for Life Network. Refreshments will be served. "

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school's ministry. Copies are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue also has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John's debt reduction.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM850 & **kfu.org**, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & **kfu.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at **kfu.org** and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfu.org: Hear special "Twelve Days of Christmas" programming of sacred music, scripture, prayer, and Christmas greetings through January 6. Daily Chapel resumes January 3 at 10:00 a.m. and all other regular programming resume January 7, including the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (8:00 a.m.) and continuing in the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (11:00 a.m.). Listen live or on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2022... LCMS Stewardship has encouraged Lutherans to spend 1% every day (14 minutes) in God's Word and prayer. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. He currently is leading a study on the Book of Ephesians. You can listen at thewordendures.org or your favorite podcast provider.

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

King Solomon acknowledged depending upon God like a little child. The Lord recognized it as wisdom and multiplied it (1 Kings 3:7, 10). Only Jesus sanctifying childhood by experiencing it Himself represents greater wisdom (Luke 2:40, 52). He extends this grace to gestating as an embryo – and finds favor with God for it. How delightfully Christian to treasure all little ones!

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:

Upper Grades (3-8) chapel is Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the new gym. It is live-streamed over Facebook. When a classroom leads the service, one guest for each student is welcomed to attend in-person.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We want to keep our estate plans as simple as possible. Estate plans can become very elaborate. Unequal distribution to heirs, distribution over time, management of taxes, special treatment of different kinds of property, all can complicate matters. However, in the midst of everything, the core of an estate plan is the gift plan, the plan for giving gifts to family we love and the ministries God has laid on our hearts. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through, and pray that plan, before it gets lost in the shuffle. For more information, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (from LCMS *Better Health*)

Facts on Food Myths- Spicy food gives you an ulcer. A specific type of bacteria, called *Helicobacter pylori*, causes almost all ulcers, except those triggered by medications. Spices can worsen the problem which is why people mistakenly believe that spices cause ulcers.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618-853-7300

Holiday Office Hours: Office Hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on January 3. Classes and regular hours will resume on January 4.

Club Basketball: The Soldiers Co-ed Club Basketball team has a home game on January 7 at 6:00 p.m. vs. Marquand-Zion.

COS Alumni vs. Club Basketball: Cheer your favorite past or present player on January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

21st Annual Trivia Night: Join us for this year's "School Days" Trivia Night & Silent Auction on January 28 at 7 p.m. in our gym. Adults \$15 ea., 5th-8th grade students \$6 ea., and 9th-12th grade \$10 ea. with a limit of eight people to a table. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300. All proceeds from the evening will support Prom and Post-Prom at COS.

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31. Don't miss out!

School Visitors: To comply with continuing ISBE and state COVID regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

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

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 and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

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

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

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

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

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

Custodians – Wil Krick and 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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Ray Wagner Board of Finance: Ben Guebert

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (Sat.) Pastor Brian Nowak; (Sun.) Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

Acolyte: (5 p.m.) Case Hess; (8 a.m.) Lucas McCarthy; (10:30 a.m.) Lilly Meyer

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Chris Deien Paraments: Ella Hemmer