

1st Sunday after Christmas
Divine Service Setting 3

December 27th
8:00a.m., 10:30a.m.



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2020 Theme: All In – Being Present in an Age of Distraction

The Seed of David Comes to His Temple

A Rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1–5)—the Seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:1–16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1–7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be “*a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel*” (Luke 2:22–40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mourning + Family of Marsha Galusha **Expectant Mother** + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Maxine Weseman + Lisa Novak + Kay Krueger + Jeanne Buck + Marvin Hesterman + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Birthdays 12/27 Christy Robinson 12/28 Archie Augustin, Allen Glathar, Lee Melvin 12/30 Jamie Thurin 12/31 Ezlynn Doell 01/02 Darryl Meier, John Parsons, Amy Russell **Baptisms** 12/29 Justin Thurin 01/01 Deb Naggatz **Wedding Anniversaries** 12/28 Bill & Joan Primrose 12/30 Larry & Jessica Hammond 12/31 Brian & Jennie Theesen

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 46:1-7, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 2:13-23

What to listen for during the service?

Listen in the service for the Nunc Dimittis. When do we sing it? What are we confessing (or saying) when we sing it at that time of the service?

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

LSB 381

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia! *Refrain*

Refrain: On this day God gave us
Christ, His Son, to save us;
Christ, His Son, to save us.

- 2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! *Refrain*

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✠ **SERVICE OF PREPARATION** ✠

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C: Amen.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

INTROIT

(Ps. 93:1,3-4; antiphon: Ps.93:5, 2)



- L: Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*
holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.
- C: Your throne is established | from of old;*
you are from ever- | lasting.
Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*
it shall nev- | er be moved.**

GLORIA PATRI

**C: 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.**

KYRIE

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

“GLORIA IN EXCELSIS”

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: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteous-ness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 45:2a, 1b)

C: You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*

grace is poured up- | on your lips.

I address my verses | to the king;*

my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

EPISTLE

Galations 4:1-7

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Ps. 93:1)

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

L: The Lord reigns; he is robed in | majesty;*

the Lord is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:33-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And 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, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And 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. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(Please sit)

NICENE CREED

C: 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.

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

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- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- ▲ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

SERMON

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please sit as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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....., evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven 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

C: **... For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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 sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

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1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*

Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"

2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*

3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*

4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*

5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

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“From East to West”

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1 From east to west, from shore to shore
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting king.

2 Behold, the world's creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares,
His fallen creatures all to save.

3 For this how wondrously He wrought!
A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought,
The chosen vessel of His grace.

4 And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

▲ 5 All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to You, O Virgin-born,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

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After all have communed

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

**C: 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: and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,
who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the
flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us
pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to
forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and minds
by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to
serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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: **Amen, amen, amen.**

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

LSB 390

- 1 Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.
- 2 To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav’n’s fair homes
We may reign in gladness.
- 3 We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.
- 4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

In order to assist with social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Lessons for Students We encourage parents and their children (students) to continue with Sunday School lessons. Packets of lessons will be sent home. You can access a family discussion with a video presentation in Peace’s Facebook Group. Questions contact the Church Office at 402-462-9023.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Prayer Service (live stream) and 9:30 a.m. Bible Study.

Unable To Attend Church our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. They are also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays.

Portals of Prayer Jan. – Mar. 2021 & Higher Things Devotions—available in the Narthex, copies December 24, 2020 through January 23, 2021.

2020 Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange - all Ladies are invited to participate by sending in your favorite Christmas cookie recipe with a story telling about why it is your favorite recipe and include a picture. Please put information in mailbox in the narthex or send to Lisa Novak at ljnbnw@yahoo.com. Public Relations

Lifequote: “The slaughter of the innocents continues in our time ... done not out of anger, but because the arrival of these little ones is deemed inconvenient or too expensive or sometimes simply because they are not the ‘right’ sex. We, like Rachel, weep over our lost children. But mourning their loss does not mean that we do not fight to end this assault on the sanctity of life. The holy birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, which has transformed the world for the good in so many ways, gives us hope that abortion, too, can be ended.” • www.lutheransforlife.org

January 2021:

Friday, January 1st New Year’s Day Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Leadership Planning Meeting

Tuesday, January 5th. Includes Members of Boards, Committees, Council, and L.W.M.L.