

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER (CAP)**

**A Daily Devotion and Prayer guide for individuals and families**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5**

(See Daily Prayer in LSB pg. 295-298 or Treasury of Daily Prayer)

**INVOCATION- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**INTROIT** – (Bulletin insert)

**10 COMMANDMENTS** (LSB 264)

**APOSTLES' CREED** (LSB 264)

**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS** (pg. 299-304 in LSB):

**Sunday:** Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

**Monday:** Isaiah 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56 (New Year's Eve)

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80 (New Year's Day)

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

**Thursday:** Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40

**Friday:** Isaiah 63:15-65:7; Luke 2:41-52

**Saturday:** Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20

**DAILY MEDITATIONS** (Portals of Prayer, LHM, Higher Things)

**COLLECT** (Bulletin insert)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE CARE AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** (See prayers in bulletin & LSB pg. 294, 305-318)

**LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER** (LSB pg. 327)

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** "Let All Together Praise Our God" (LSB 389)



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
CHRISTMAS  
DIVINE SERVICE 4/H.C.  
DECEMBER 29/30, 2018  
5:30PM & 10:00AM**

*Prayers for worship are found inside the front cover of the hymnal. Please place this insert in your hymnal to help guide you through the liturgy. Today's order of service begins on page 203 in Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME BY PASTOR**

**OPENING HYMN: LSB 386 - "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**LSB 203**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**LSB 204**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: LSB 379 - "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

**KYRIE (SUNG)**

**LSB 204**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)**

**LSB 204**

**SALUTATION**

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**[G]** And also with you.

**[P]** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**[P]** 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.

**[G]** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 13:1-3a, 11-15**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

<sup>11</sup>"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

<sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of

**NEXT WEEK: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

***The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son***

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN: LSB 391 - “REJOICE, REJOICE THIS HAPPY MORN”**

**Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,**

**A Savior unto us is born,**

**The Christ, the Lord of glory!**

**His lowly birth in Bethlehem**

**The angels from on high proclaim**

**And sing redemption’s story!**

**My soul, extol**

**God’s great favor;**

**Bless Him ever**

**For salvation;**

**Give Him praise and adoration!**

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**EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE: LUKE 2:30, 32**

**A** Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE (SUNG)**

**LSB 205**

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by

the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

**LSB 206**

**CHILDREN’S LESSON (SUNDAY ONLY)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 389 - “Let All Together Praise Our God”**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LSB 207**

**A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**OFFERING**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 208**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN: LSB 546 - “O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”**

**HYMN: LSB 936 - “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**LSB 211**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**LSB 212**

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**LSB 212**

**CLOSING HYMN: LSB 392 - “God Loves Me Dearly”**