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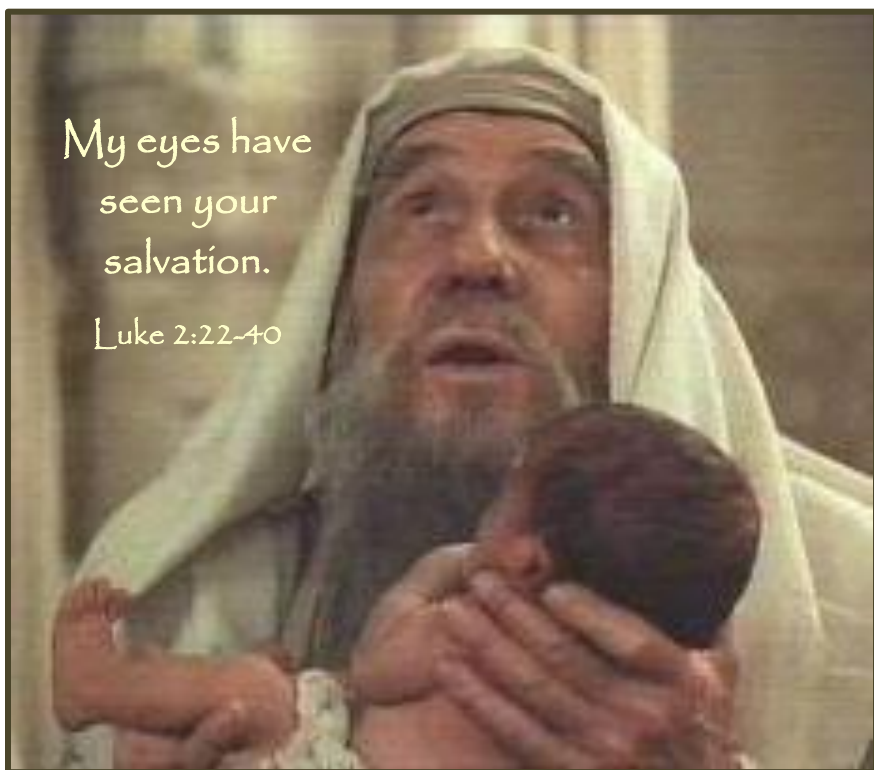
Divine Service One

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

My eyes have
seen your
salvation.

Luke 2:22-40





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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent

Dear Savior, thank You for becoming a man. What a sacrifice that was! You left the glories of heaven; You put off using Your divine power, wisdom, knowledge, and authority; You were born in humility and raised in poverty; and, throughout Your life, You knew the horror of how Your life would end. You did all this, not for a friend or for some holy person but for us—sinners. Because You came in the flesh, our lives contain a promise of restoration—a promise made sure in Your life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Through You, the Word made flesh, we are restored to a right relationship with God. Lord Jesus, thank You for becoming what we needed most, a Savior from sin. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10



The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things!***
**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation,*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of | Israel.***
**All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation | of our God.**

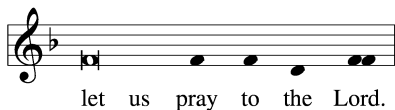
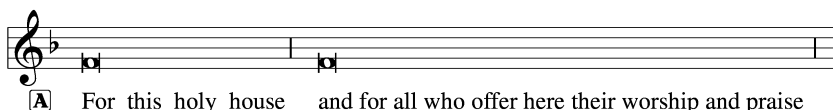
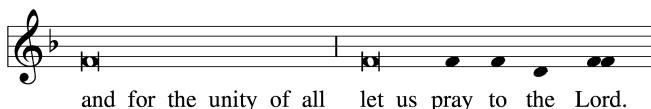
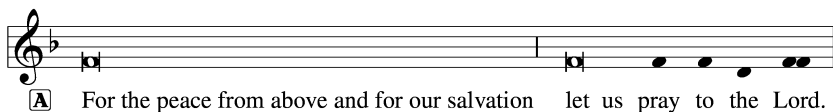
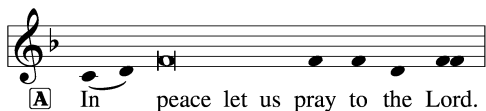
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth,*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

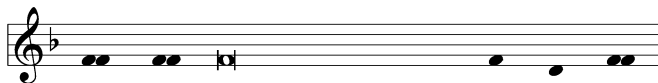
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

The LORD said to Moses, "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."

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. . . .

"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, 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. 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. 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. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of 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.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 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!

Epistle: Colossians 3:12–17

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 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. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. 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.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

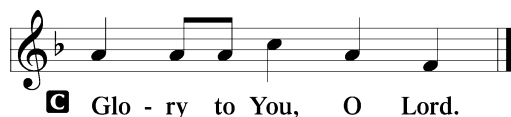
John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–40

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

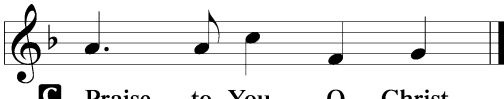
And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce

through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

378 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Sermon

"My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation"

Text: Luke 2:1-14

381 Let Our Gladness Have No End

Stand



Apostles' Creed

G 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.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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Offering

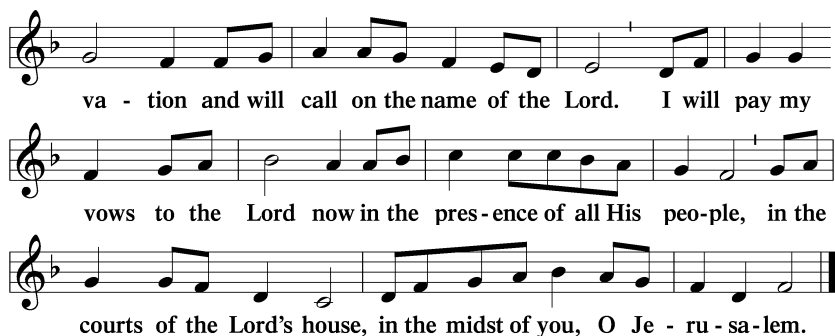
Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

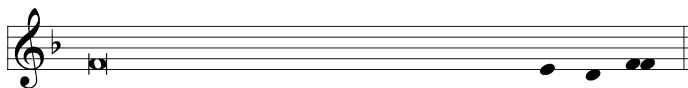
Closing Collect

P Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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 A - men.

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Andy Olson

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Thank you to the following members for gracing our chancel with poinsettias this Christmas: the Covert family (Marcus, Kelsey, Keegan, and Fiona) Warren Denny and Pat Gil; the Doak Family (Trey, Emily, Jasmine, Isaac, and Josiah), Jerry and Shirley Tuell; Jane Wheatley; Steve and Becky White.

Offering Envelope

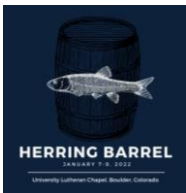


The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. If you didn't find yours or would like to request envelopes, please contact Dave Shavlik.

Portals of Prayer for January-March 2022 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!

Herring Barrel 2022



All Lutherans ages 18-30 are invited to University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, Colorado, January 7-9th, 2022 for the 4th Annual Herring Barrel! The Herring Barrel is an opportunity for young Lutherans to meet other young Lutherans, hear speakers address relevant topics, and enjoy worship and fellowship together. This year, we will feature Rev. Hans Fiene and Joy Pullmann. They will speak on "The Fatherhood of God" and "What Really Makes Women Happy", respectively. Registration is required for attendance and there is a cost of \$35. Limited spaces are available for free housing; this is being given out on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information or to register, visit www.universitylutheranchapel.com or email Rev. Preus at markpreus@gmail.com with any questions.

Petitions and Prayers: According to Isaiah, we pray because God has promised to hear us.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of our bodies and souls. Great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick trusting hearts, enabling them to be assured that You work all things together for good to those who love You. Bring them healing in Your way and in Your time. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sandy Olson (daughter of Jerry and Shirley Tuell) recovering from surgery as a result of a car accident
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the End of the Year

**Lord God Almighty, You are the beginning and the end. Teach us to begin each day and every year with the truth and encouragement of Your Word. Guide us also to close each night and season in the forgiveness of Your Son, Jesus Christ. At this time, show us Your mercy, giving us boldness to seek Your will and courage to be obedient to Your will. Be our life and salvation in this world as we anticipate worshiping You in the world to come. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life December 26, 2021

“Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let’s fix our eyes on Jesus!”

*Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries
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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:6

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Sunday mornings at

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**The Son of God
became the Son of Man
so the sons of men
could become sons of God**