

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018



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INTROIT *Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 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 salvation 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 beginning,* 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

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!

DAILY READINGS

December 30: Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38; **31:** Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56; **January 1:** Is. 61:1–11; Luke 1:57–80; **2:** Is. 62:1–12; Luke 2:1–20; **3:** Is. 63:1–14; Luke 2:21–40; **4:** Is. 63:15–65:7; Luke 2:41–52; **5:** Is. 65:8–25; Luke 3:1–20. The Introit, Collect, and Gradual are from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*, copyright © 2006 CPH. All Scripture quotations, including those from *Lutheran Service Book*, are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. © CPH Printed in USA Concordia Publishing House • Your church's publisher • Visit us at CPH.org 18125

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

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“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.”

³Then 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. . . .

¹¹“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, ¹²you 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. ¹³Every 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. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵For 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.’ ”

Epistle: Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing 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. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–40

²²When 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 ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

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.