



THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

Luke 2:40

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

Second Sunday after Christmas

I Was Glad When They Said unto Me,
“Let Us Go to the House of the Lord”

January 3, 2021

As We Gather

Through the Holy Gospel today, we hear about our Lord Jesus when He was a young man—one who increased in wisdom and stature. Jesus was glad to be in God’s house when He was in Jerusalem. From the beginning, God’s people have found joy in being in the House of the Lord. We hear this joy in the songs of the Levites who led God’s people in song. We feel the joy of God’s people under Nehemiah, a time when the nation repented publicly for their sins, but then renewed their commitment to God’s covenant by having the Word of God read for all to hear. Though sorrowful for their sins, Nehemiah told them not to weep, “For the joy of the Lord is your strength.” We who know the discipline of beginning our week in the house of God know the joy to be found there. We know personally that whenever we come together as the people of God to hear His Word we receive what is good for us. It is the collective testimony of all God’s children that we are blessed every time we enter His house for worship.



Prelude

Welcome

Song

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Chorus 2

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart *[repeat chorus]*

Coda

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

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Confession and Absolution

- P** Scripture calls us to self-examination—to be truthful about our sin and need for God’s forgiveness. We are called to confess our sins to God, that we might find His mercy and forgiveness which brings new life.
- C** **Lord God, if You kept a record of our sins, we would all be in trouble.**
- P** But You are merciful in this, that those who turn from their sins and seek forgiveness do not have their sins counted against them, but instead are washed clean from all wrongdoing.
- C** **Dear God, as we come into Your holy presence, we know our need for the new life which comes by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Please forgive us for our failures and sins, and empower us to live holy lives of love and service through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** Our Lord and Savior calls us to reassure one another that by repentance and faith in Him our sins are forgiven. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **Word** ✠

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 84:1–4, 10–12

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:40-52

(The boy Jesus is found in the temple at Jerusalem.)

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

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favor of God was upon Him.

C Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the
Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up
according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they
were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

P His parents did not know it, but 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, and when they
did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him.

C After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the
teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all
who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His
answers. And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished.
And His mother said to Him,

P “Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress.”

C **And He said to them,**

P “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?”

C **And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. And 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.**

All **And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.**

Greeting Time

Chorus

**I am the church
You are the church
We are the church together
All who follow Jesus
All around the world
Yes we're the church together**

**The church is not a building
The church is not a steeple
The church is not a resting place
The church is a people *[chorus]***

**We're many kinds of people
With many kinds of faces
All colors and all ages too
From all times and places *[chorus]***

**And when the people gather
There's singing and there's praying
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes
All of it saying *[chorus]***

**At Pentecost some people
Received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News
Through the world
To all who would hear it *[chorus]***

**I count if I am ninety
Or nine or just a baby
There's one thing I am sure about
And I don't mean maybe *[chorus]***

Sermon

The Church—The Gathered People of God

Prayers

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C and also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23.25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of

you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Benediction

P The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—
be with you now and forever.

C Amen.

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

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Announcements

Postlude

Offering *(As You Exit)*

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This Week's Calendar

January 3, 2021

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship w/Holy Communion
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 P.M.	Evangelism Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 P.M.	Kid's Zoom Bible Club
	6:45 P.M.	Epic Youth Zoom Bible Study
	7:15 P.M.	Adult Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 P.M.	Elders Meeting
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Next Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship

Serving Next Week

January 10, 2021

Elder on Duty

TBA

Attendance Last Week

Early Worship Attendance	18
Late Worship Attendance	23
Courtyard Worship Attendance	17



Treasurer's Report *(December 27, 2020)*

General Fund (Offerings)	\$4,031.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 10.00
Roof Loan	\$.00
Total Received	\$4,041.00



“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.” *1 Kings 3:4 2:39*

Now that’s a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow’s mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

Community Dinner in January—Our next community dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd from 3:00—5:30 p.m. The meal will be a Chicken Tortilla Soup.

We are seeking volunteers to help. You can help as little or as much as you wish. Below are the areas where help is needed:

- * Cooks to boil & shred chicken from your home. Please contact Brad Bomhoff at 405-625-4091.
- * Persons to assemble meals
- * Persons to help with distribution



On Saturday the 23rd, volunteers helping with assembly will meet at 9:00 a.m. to put everything together. Volunteers helping with distribution will meet at 2:00 p.m. to get set up in the parking lot.

Should we have inclement weather, we will move the dinner to the following Saturday, January 30th.



Voter’s Meeting Update—The plan was to distribute key information about Missions, Budget and New Officers for 2021 on Sunday the 20th in preparation for a vote on December 27th. In the meantime, area Pastors were asked to postpone Congregational meetings until later in January. A provision in Roberts Rules of Order Allows new officers and Board members to begin their service before an actual vote.

Therefore, we are inviting those who have agreed to assume office in 2021 to attend the January Council meeting on the 14th along with those currently serving. A formal vote will be taken later when conditions are more favorable. Please call me, Ann Reedy if you have questions (405) 919-3482.

Time and Talent Survey—In January we will conduct a Time and Talent survey with the congregation. There are several volunteer opportunities that are needed in the upcoming church year. We would like to hear from you what areas you would be interested in. This will give the church an idea of who is willing to help in areas of need and help the council with planning and letting the appropriate board committees know who is interested in using their gifts.



LWML Shoes News—Once again our shoes can step up to a global mission! LWML is collecting shoes for the world. Some will go directly to those treading barefoot and some will be recycled to make something new. Men's women's, children's—makes no difference! While we are currently limited in our travels, our shoes can represent our good will to people both near and far. Please secure pairs together by rubber bands and/or strings and drop them in the box marked "SHOES" in the activity room.



Attention Family of God—The ROC (Reaching Our City) ministry needs food for the hungry every week! In case you hadn't heard, Linda May orders or picks up 10,000 lbs. of food weekly! Two hundred families receive help from the ROC every week! So, how can we help? If we bring in one can of food (or more) each week, this will help! You may also donate money, as well as paper sacks and plastic bags which are used in filling up with supplies at the food bank. The ROC always needs toilet paper and paper towels, green beans, corn, tuna, and canned chicken! There is also a need for volunteers at the ROC to help fill carts with food for each family! It's a great way to meet other Christians who help support this ministry! Please call Linda May if you would like to volunteer sometime. Maybe we will see you there!



"HE CAME TO WHAT WAS HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT ACCEPT HIM." THAT MAKES ME SHUDDER!



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"BUT TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM... HE GAVE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD."



DOESN'T THAT FILL YOU WITH JOY?

YES, AND NOW I'M EXHAUSTED!



JOHN 1:10-18

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Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need

Jason McGee, son of Gale Mueller, recovering from COVID.

Family of Pauline Rea, called to her Eternal home.

Gary Mitchell, father of Church Mitchell, spots on lung.

Terry & Romonda James, friends of Janie Hlinicky, Terry's father passed away.

Richard Cruz, friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.

Marcus Balan, Mary's Kline's granddaughter's father, has COVID.

Tom Schneider, Mary Kline's brother-in-law's brother, recovering from back surgery and awaiting biopsy results.

Dave Mueller, recovering from surgery.

Dena Saliday, friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.

Beverly, friend of Linda May, recurrence of cancer.

Doug & Eli Palm, cousins of Craig Cooper, has COVID,

Family of Mary Chapa, Gloria Michael's niece, killed in auto accident.



Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV

Kyle Freeman

Kyle Taylor

Jennifer Clark

Jonathan Krepel

Timothy Thomas

Hunter Conatser

Nathan Hiegel

Christopher Warren

We Celebrate This Week:

The Birthdays of:

Jan 3 Christopher Warren

Jan 5 Christopher Rudd

Tracie Stephenson

The Anniversaries of:

No Known Anniversaries This Week



Anniversaries
and Birthdays