

*Second Sunday after Christmas*  
*January 3, 2021*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

“Once in Royal David’s City” (arr. Meyer) & “As With Gladness Men of Old” (arr. Rotermund)

**376 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY**

- 1    Once in royal David’s city  
      Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
      Where a mother laid her baby  
      In a manger for His bed:  
      Mary was that mother mild,  
      Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2    He came down to earth from heaven,  
      Who is God and Lord of all,  
      And His shelter was a stable,  
      And His cradle was a stall;  
      With the poor and mean and lowly  
      Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3    For He is our childhood’s pattern,  
      Day by day like us He grew;  
      He was little, weak, and helpless,  
      Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
      And He feels for all our sadness,  
      And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4    And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
      Through His own redeeming love;  
      For that child so dear and gentle  
      Is our Lord in heav’n above;  
      And He leads His children on  
      To the place where He is gone.
- 5    Not in that poor, lowly stable  
      With the oxen standing by  
      Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
      Set at God’s right hand on high.  
      Then like stars His children, crowned,  
      All in white, His praise will sound!

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

(God says) “I have called you by name, you are Mine.” *Isaiah 43:1*

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- 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.

## INTROIT

*Psalms 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 3:4–15*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his

throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** (10 am) "You're Here" (Battistelli) Jessie Westfall

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:40–52*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>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, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>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. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,  
     Let Your Word to me come near;  
 Newborn life and spirit give me,  
     Let each promise still my fear.  
 Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife,  
 Wars against Your Word of life;  
     Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor  
     That I cling to You forever!
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You  
     And to listen to Your voice;  
 Let me ever love and hear You,  
     Let Your Word be now my choice!  
 Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
 Flee in terror at Your Word;  
     But to all who feel sin’s burden  
     You give words of peace and pardon.
- 3 Lord, Your words are waters living  
     When my thirsting spirit pleads.  
 Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;  
     On Your words my spirit feeds.  
 Lord, Your words will be my light  
 Through death’s cold and dreary night;  
     Yes, they are my sword prevailing  
     And my cup of joy unfailing!
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
     Let Your words in me take root.  
 May Your Spirit e’er be near me  
     That I bear abundant fruit.  
 May I daily sing Your praise,  
 From my heart glad anthems raise,  
     Till my highest praise is given  
     In the endless joy of heaven.

**SERMON** “A Holy Conversation” Luke 2:40-52

**CREED** Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles’ Creed  
*(Creed can be found on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Late Service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n 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

LSB 196

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**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.

## 725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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## THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*LSB 202*

**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.

## 863 OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME

- 1 Our Father, by whose name  
All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim  
Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child  
Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled,  
Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.
- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind  
Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find  
The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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## POSTLUDE “Now Sing We Now Rejoice” (arr. Zachau)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{†}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40  
Monday: Isaiah 63:15-65:2; Luke 2:41-52  
Tuesday: Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20  
Wednesday: Isaiah 66:1-20; Luke 3:21-38  
Thursday: Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28; Romans 1:1-17  
Friday: Ezekiel 2:1-3:11; Romans 1:18-32  
Saturday: Ezekiel 3:12-27; Romans 2:1-16

## ***In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)***

Roger, health issues	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Bill, recovery	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Ella, premature baby
Becky, back pain	Julie, pancreatic cancer
Camilla, 7-year-old with brain cancer	Jackie's grandmother
Jack, ongoing health issues	Vonna's mother
Dave, recovery	Lauren's mother
Eunice, Health Issues	Greg, recovery
Jim, Alzheimer's	Brent, hospital
Al, health issues	Ross, Covid
Jim, cancer	Carole, Covid
Larry, health issues	David, Covid
Pluedemans, death of mother	Ken, Covid
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

**Our Savior Families:** LaNora, Michelle, Shirley, Joyce, Rick & Ann, Daryl & Robin

**Hymn of the Week** "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LSB 589

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**