

*First Sunday after Christmas*  
*December 26, 2021*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    “What Child is This?” (arr. Hildebrandt) & “Christmas Medley” (arr. Hughes)

**367 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

1    Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
    Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. **Refrain**

**Refrain** Come and worship, come and worship;  
        Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2    Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
    God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. **Refrain**

3    Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
    Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

4    Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
    Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

△ 5    All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
    Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.    *1 John 4:9*

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalms 124:8; 130:3, adapt.*

**P**    Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C**    **who made heaven and earth.**

**P**    If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C**    **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P**    Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C**    **Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have taken for granted the free gift of salvation You give us through Jesus. Help us to focus on the reason for the season, the birth of Your Son. Forgive us, O God, and let us depart in peace, according to Your Word, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who came to save us from our sins.**

**P**    Receive the free gift that Jesus offers: the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of our newborn King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**    **Thank You, Jesus! Amen.**

**KYRIE**

**P**    In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**    **Lord, have mercy.**

**P**    For the peace of our newborn King, which is beyond our understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**    **Lord, have mercy.**

**P**    For our salvation from Christ, the Prince of Peace, for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Holy Christian Church, for we have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## 368 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

*sts. 1, ref, 3*

1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. **Refrain**

**Refrain** Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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** 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. . . . <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 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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** “Christmas Hallelujah”

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22–40*

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

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

<sup>22</sup>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 <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.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 389 LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

- 1 Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again  
To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.

- 4 He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- △ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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**SERMON** “Your Christmas Sweater” Colossians 3:12-17

**CREED** Nicene Creed (*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and 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.

## + SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the gift of peace that flows freely through Your Son, who left His heavenly throne to become the firstborn of Mary. He would die once for all for the sins of the world before rising to life again. Because of His perfect life, death, and resurrection, You clothe us with Christ in our Baptism and nourish us through His Word and this Sacrament of His body and blood. 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

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- 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

- 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.

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

## 384 OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

- 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.
- △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

### 386 NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art!  
Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me;  
I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit,  
O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit,  
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee!  
Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine  
The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us  
Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us  
A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there!  
May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?  
Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing  
With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing  
In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there!  
Oh, that we were there!

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 106:1b*

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** His steadfast love endures forever.
- P** Let us pray. We thank You, our newborn King, for You have given us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Let Your Word and this Meal dwell within us richly, empowering us to live lives as Your chosen ones—lives lived with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience as we bear with one another in love and forgive others as You forgive us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- 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** Amen.

## 387 JOY TO THE WORLD

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

## 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 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Monday: Isaiah 51:17-52; Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday: Isaiah 52:13-54:10; Matthew 2:13-23

Wednesday: Isaiah 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25

Thursday: Isaiah 58:1-59:3. 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80

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

Nichole, recovering from Covid

Eunice, health issues

Wes, health issues

Del, health issues

Jack, ongoing health issues

June, health issues

Mehria in the Middle East, safety

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Jean, health issues

Jerry, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.

Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Voss, infant recovering from an accident

Elgart, cancer

Lauren's mother

Shirley, health issues

Nancy, health issues

Dave, health issues

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Duane, cancer

**Our Savior Families:** Nancy, Chuck & Karla, Mary, Dan & Shelly, Heide & Family

**Hymn of the Week** "Let All Together Praise our God" LSB 389

**Collect** (found on front page)

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