

2nd Sunday after Christmas + January 2, 2022
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois
Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

PRELUDE: "LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN" *Jeff Windoloski*

HYMN: "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men" *TLH 105 / LSB 389*
St. John's Christmas Concert, 1989

1. **Praise God, the Lord, ye sons of men,
Before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
And gives us His own Son,
And gives 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. **He veils in flesh His pow'r divine
A servant's form to take;
In want and lowliness must pine
Who heav'n and earth did make,
Who heav'n and earth did make.**
4. **He nestles at His mother's breast,
Receives her tender care,
Whom angels hail with joy most blest,
King David's royal Heir,
King David's royal Heir.**
8. **He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more.
To God our thanks we pay.
To God our thanks we pay.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.

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.**

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.**

PSALM: *Read Psalm 147.*

¹ Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
⁶ The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
¹² Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.
¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?
¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!
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.

**C: (Sung:) Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**C: (Sung:) Glory be to God on high and on earth peace,
goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we
worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee,
for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the
Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon
us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive
our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the
Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sing:) And with thy spir – it.

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: (Sing:) A - - - men. *[LSB 189]*

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 3:4-15

P: ⁴The 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. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."

⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And 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.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

P: ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the

riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: “Father Grant” *Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ*
Father, grant that what we sing with our lips, We may believe in our heart,
And what we believe in our heart, We may show forth in our lives,
Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

Father, grant that as we trust in Your Son Who died for all of our sins,
That we may be faithful and true, As we show forth in our lives,
The love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: *(Sing:)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him,

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“Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Sing:)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED *LSB 192*

C: **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.

HYMN: “Within the Father’s House”

LSB 410

Redeemer Lutheran Church Waterloo

1. **Within the Father’s house The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.**
2. **The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.**
3. **Yet not to them is giv’n The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil which hides Incarnate God below.**
4. **The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond’ring hearts await The full epiphany.**

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5. **Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace**
6. **Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.**

SERMON: “A Truly Christian Family” *Luke 2:40-52*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: “With the Lord Begin Thy Task”

Lutheran Quartet

TLH 540 / LSB 869

1. **With the Lord begin thy task,
Jesus will direct it;
For His aid and counsel ask,
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes;
Be to Him commended.**
2. **Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration;
On the Lord cast every care,
He is thy salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near thee,
Save thee from the tempter’s might,
With His presence cheer thee.**
3. **With thy Savior at thy side,
Foes need not alarm thee;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm thee.
All thy trust do thou repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.**

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4. **If thy task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then thy course will run,
Naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere
While thou here must wander;
Thou at last the joy wilt share
In the mansions yonder.**

5. **Thus, Lord Jesus, every task
Be to Thee commended;
May Thy will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Thy name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Thy praise forever.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: **Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

C: **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN: “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” *LSB 390 / TLH 97*

St. John's Choir Concert 1983

1. **Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.**
2. **To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.**
3. **We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.**
4. **O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.**

POSTLUDE: “VOM HIMMEL HOCH” *Jeff Windoloski*

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