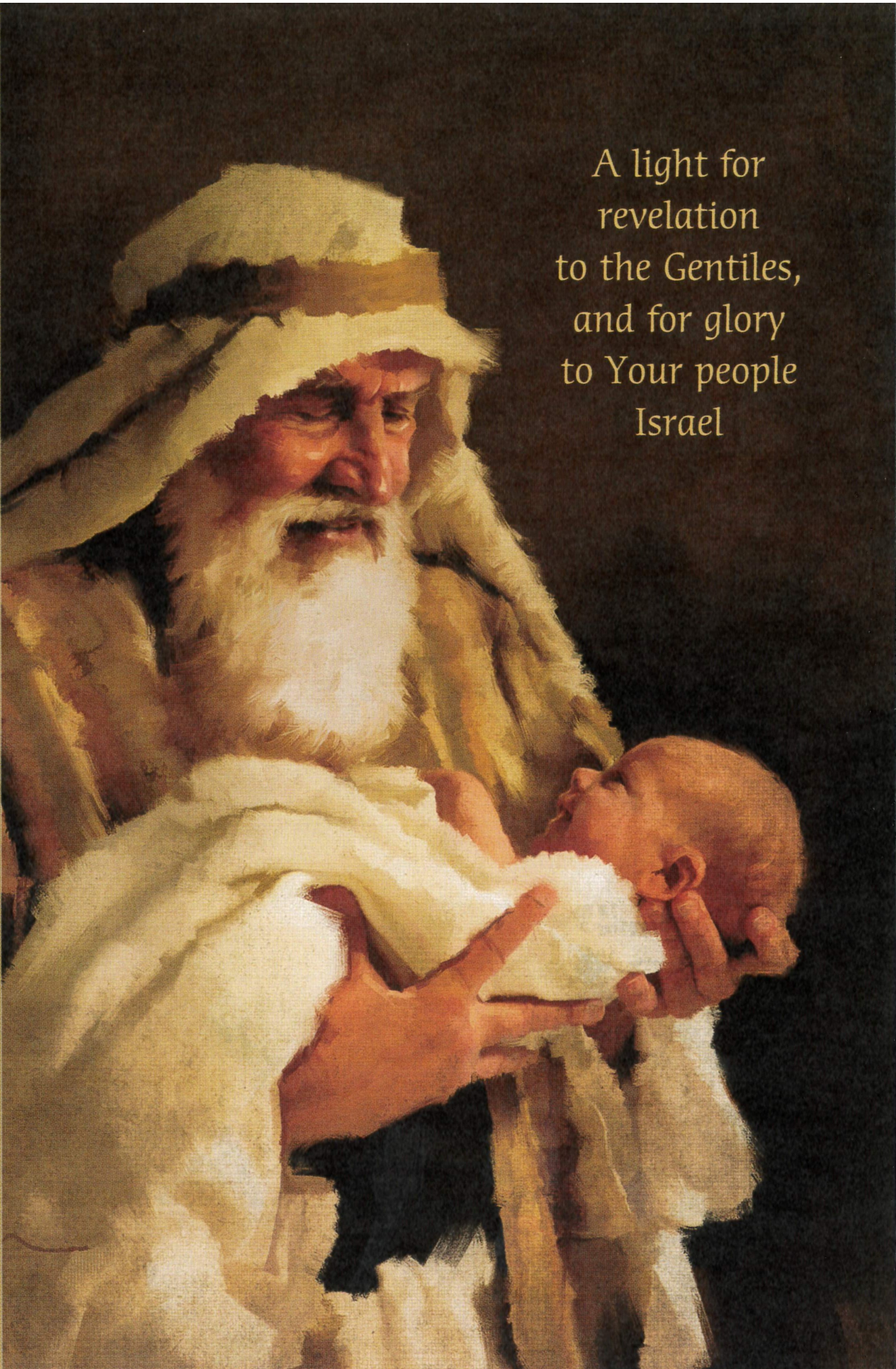


A light for
revelation
to the Gentiles,
and for glory
to Your people
Israel



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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Forgive all my sins, wherever I have done wrong. Surround me this day with Your holy angels. May You encircle me and cast a trench about me, that I may escape the snares and evil cunning of the enemy. I commend myself to Your goodness and mercy. Amen. (Johann Habermann, 1516-90)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

Education

Sunday school, student and adult Bible classes are offered at 9:30 am. We encourage all worshipers to choose a class from the listing in our bulletin and actively study God's Word.

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

10:00 am

Matins – *LSB 219*

Prelude

Stand



Entrance Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367 sts. 1, ref. 3–5



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



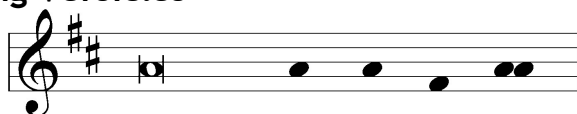
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



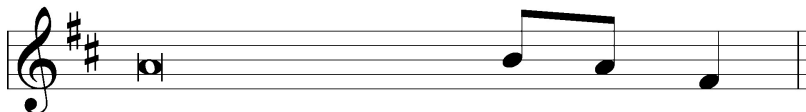
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Opening Versicles

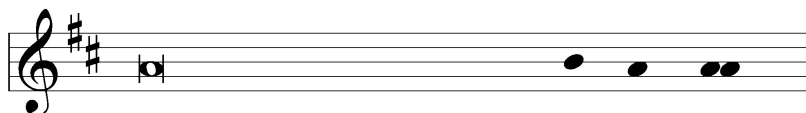
Psalm 51:15, Psalm 70:1; LSB 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



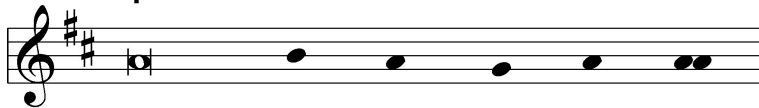
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

+++Psalmody + + +

Christmas Antiphon



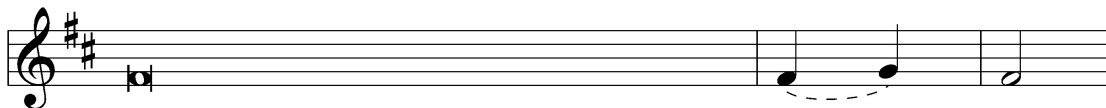
L Lo, to us the Christ is born.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

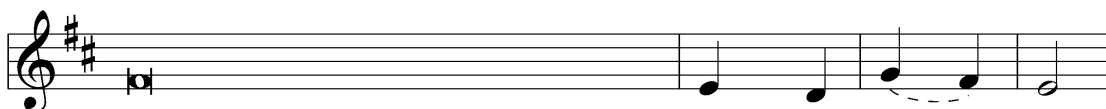
Venite

Psalm 95:1-7; LSB 220



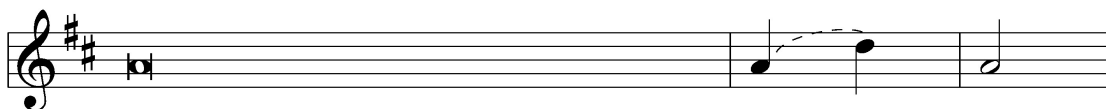
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

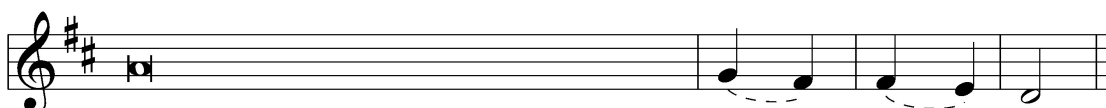


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

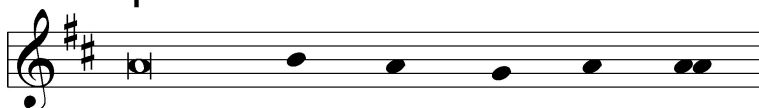


- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Christmas Antiphon



L Lo, to us the Christ is born.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Office Hymn

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

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6 He is the key and He the door
To blessèd 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.

+++Readings + + +

Old Testament

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 13.

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.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

P The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 3.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

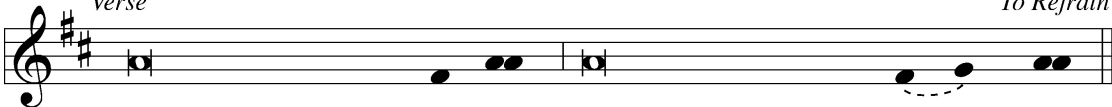
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Common Responory


Psalm 119:89, 26:8; Luke 11:28; LSB 221

Verse *To Refrain*



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

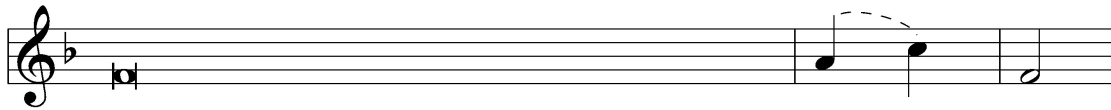
Sermon

Stand

+++Canticle + + +

Benedictus

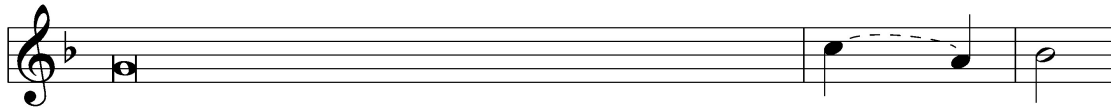
Luke 1:68–79; LSB 226



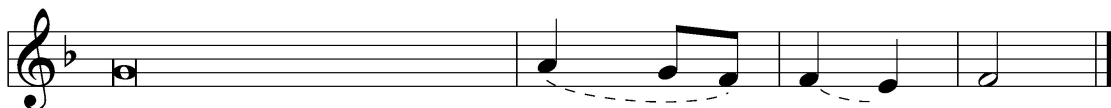
- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most — High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for — us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore — Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate — us;
 3 to grant us that — we,
 4 all the days — of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, a plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Collects

Psalm 102:1

P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

LSB 228

P 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.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

"From East to West"

LSB 385 sts. 1-3, 5



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

Sunday School & Adult Bible

We will not be meeting this morning. Classes will resume next Sunday.

Please Remember to Take Home Your Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who signed up to sponsor a poinsettia. Please remember to take them home with you today if you would like to. Unclaimed poinsettias will be removed after January 2.

Thank You from Lord of Life Staff

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the staff bonus this year. We are so blessed to have such a generous congregation. It is truly appreciated and warmly received.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are in alphabetical order outside of the music room in the hallway off the narthex. For those giving online or by mail, if your 2021 offering envelopes were never picked up, no envelopes will be issued for 2022 unless you request otherwise.

2022 Flower Chart Available

The 2022 pages for the flower chart have been added to the sign-up book located on the table in the narthex. The monthly pages have a date for each Sunday, each with two arrangements (\$40 each) and a space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize. You may make your donation when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a “flowers” notation.

Shirley Sparks’ Funeral

The funeral for Shirley Sparks has been set for January 22, 2022 at 11AM with a luncheon following.

Portals of Prayer/Lutheran Witness

If you would like to make a donation to cover your cost of the Portals of Prayer and the Lutheran Witness, please place a check for \$20 in the offering plate with the notation “Lutheran Witness”.

Benefits Lord of Life

When you shop at Amazon, use the link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2109773> when you log on and your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$196.61 as a result of AmazonSmile activity between July 1 and September 30, 2021! Thank you!

A "Good Neighbor" to Lord of Life

If you shop Tom Thumb regularly, complete a Reward Card application (available from the cashier) and link your card to **Good Neighbor Code #2775**. From then on, your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$64.40 from Tom Thumb purchases between July 1 and September 30, 2021! Thank you!



Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection **must be renewed every August** (www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards are going. We received \$51.88 from 20 households with Kroger purchases between May 27, 2021 and August 26, 2021! Thank you!

Free Conference at Faith, Plano

You are invited to attend the North Texas Free Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano on January 19, 2022. The theme is “Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession, and Love” presented by Rev. Paul Dare. For a schedule and for more info, go to: www.faithplano.org.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Any message that only placates the culture cannot lay claim to the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 23:34). The power of His Word will have consequences for us and stir up passionate reactions in those who hear it (Acts 6:54, 57). But our insistence that they know of His grace and forgiveness (Acts 6:60)—especially applied to life issues—will capture attention to how He loves and saves every human being.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUD.org

We celebrate the season of Christmas by taking a hiatus from our regular programming to bring you special Twelve Days of Christmas programming, including Scripture readings, sacred music for the season, and special greetings from our missionaries and military chaplains serving around the globe. Enjoy this programming through Epiphany, January 6! Regular programming returns January 7.



Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

1. *God loves you!* “For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**).
2. *You are a sinner.* “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Rom. 3:23**).
3. *God punishes sin.* “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (**Rom. 6:23**).
4. *Jesus took our punishment.* “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Rom. 5:8**).
5. *Jesus rose from the dead.* “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (**1 Cor. 15:3–4**).
6. *Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him.* “Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household’” (**Acts 16:30–31**).
7. *Salvation is free—a gift from God.* “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (**Eph. 2:8–9**).



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:

Organist:

Greeter:

Elder:

Ushers:

Sound:

Pastor Joel Shaltanis

Daniel Kim

Phaedra Shaltanis

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This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 26, 2021

10:00 am Worship Service

Saturday, January 1

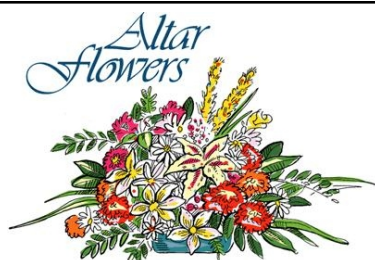
7:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast at St. Paul

Next Sunday's Readings January 2, 2022

Old Testament: 1 Ki. 3:4-15

Epistle: Eph. 1:3-14

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Janice Sullivan in thanksgiving for her son, Doug; and by Larry Dibbern in celebration of David and Becky Armstrong's anniversary.



Christmas

About the Cover: In Simeon's hands is the true Light that Has come into the world. This radiant Christ is the beautiful Savior, who illumines the path of salvation for all peoples. It is no wonder that Simeon can now depart in peace, as the light of the world has illumined his eyes. This same light continues to shine into our lives this day by the Word. Jesus Christ has dispelled and overcome the darkness of our sin through His cross and resurrection in order to bring us into His marvelous light.