

Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?

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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

Lord God, Heavenly Father, rule and guide me by Your Holy Spirit so that with all my heart I may hear and receive your Word and truly sanctify the Sabbath day. Then by Your Word I, too, may be sanctified, place all my trust and hope in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and also correct my life in conformity with Your Word, guarding against every offense, until by Your grace in Christ I shall receive eternal life. Amen. (C.M. Zorn, 1846-1928)

## 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.

# For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

# **Second Sunday after Christmas**

January 2, 2022 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service II – *LSB* 167

#### Prelude

Stand

## **Entrance Hymn**

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

LSB 401



## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

  John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

# +++Service of the Word+++

Introit

Psalm 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 abun- | dant 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.

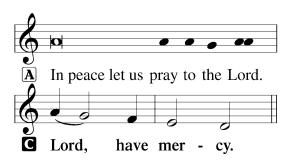
Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!\*
Praise your God, O | Zion!

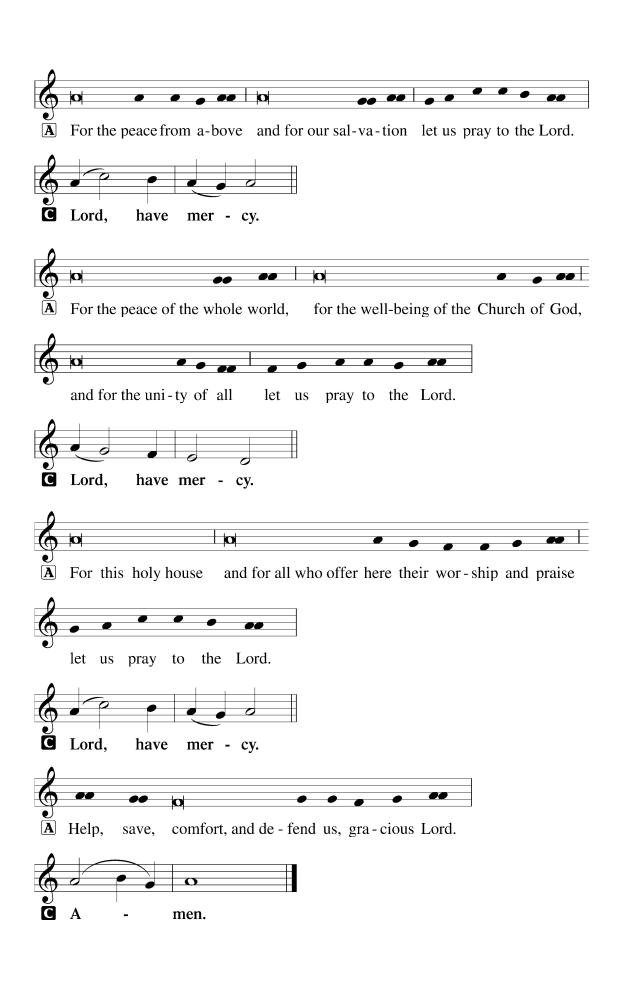
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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.

**Kyrie** 

Mark 10:47; LSB 168







- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.

Sit

## **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

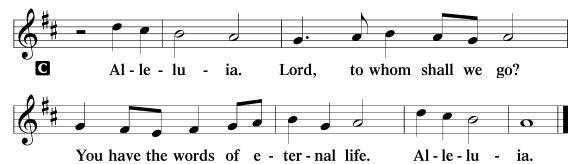
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined 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.

Stand

# Alleluia and Verse LSB 173



Holy Gospel Luke 2:40–52

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



<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.

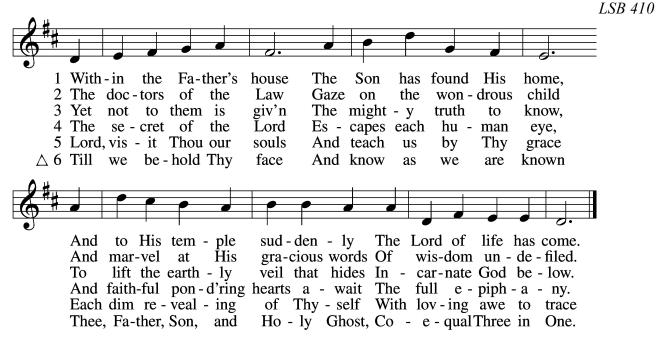
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

# Hymn of the Day

"Within the Father's House"



#### Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed LSB 174

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made. being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🛨 of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church

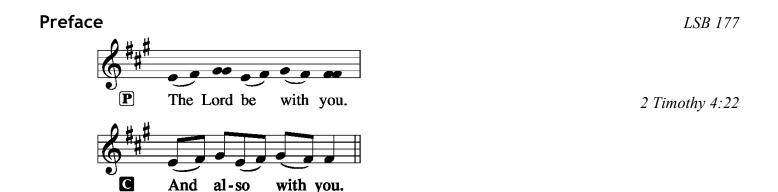
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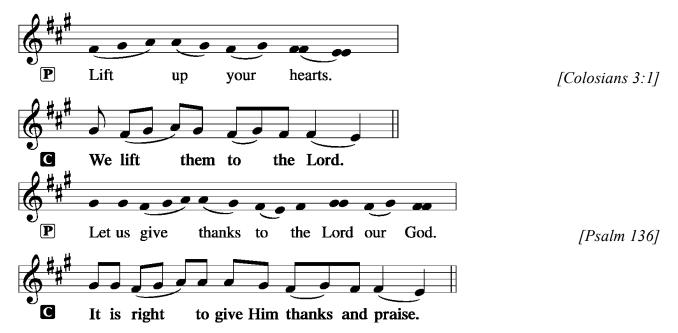
(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Stand



# +++Service of the Sacrament+++





## **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, 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:





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28. Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 179

- 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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

  1 Corinthians 11:26
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

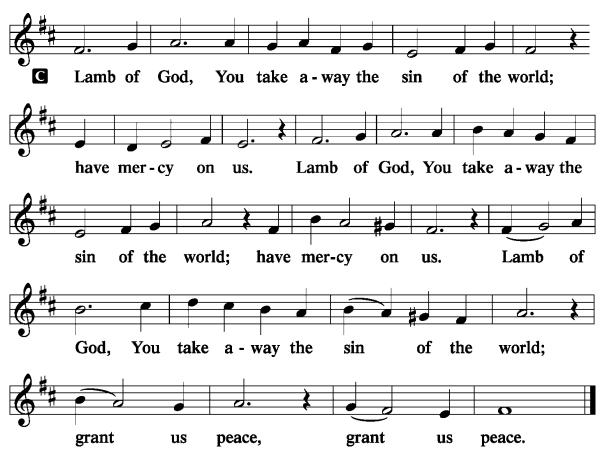
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini John 20:19; LSB 180

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

Sit

Agnus Dei John 1:29



#### **Distribution**

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.



## **Distribution Hymn**

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

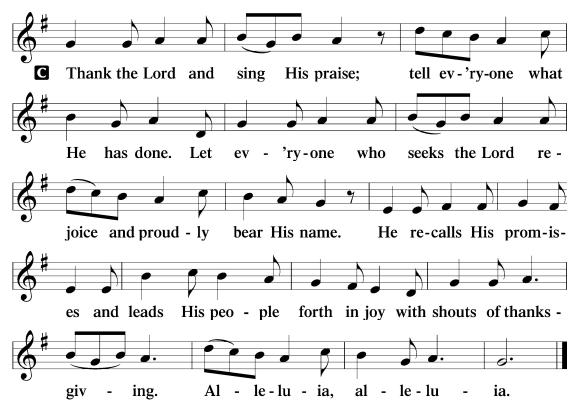
Solo

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race," LSB 403

Stand

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

"Thank the Lord", LSB 181



## **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 183

**P** 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 bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



## **Recessional Hymn**

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" LSB 409



#### **Announcements**

#### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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

## Sunday School

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

#### **IMPACT Bible Class**

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study on the prophets of the Old Testament. Why those guys? Because Jesus also studied, read, and quoted the prophets; so why shouldn't we?

#### **Adult Bible Class**

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish.

## Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Ecclesiastes. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this class at 9:30 am in Room 114, just let Mike know.

#### 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 disposed of after today.

# 2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are on a table in 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.

# Free Conference at Faith, Plano

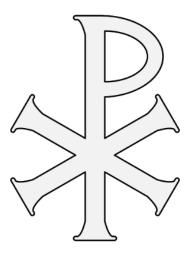
You are invited to attend the North Texas Free Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano on January 19, 2022. The theme is "Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession, and Love" presented by Rev. Paul Dare. For a schedule and for more info, go to: <a href="www.faithplano.org">www.faithplano.org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

## Life Thoughts in the Church Year

King Solomon acknowledged depending upon God like a little child. The Lord recognized it as wisdom and multiplied it (1 Kings 3:7, 10). Only Jesus sanctifying childhood by experiencing it Himself represents greater wisdom (Luke 2:40, 52). He extends this grace to gestating as an embryo – and finds favor with God for it. How delightfully Christian to treasure all little ones!

## CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org

Hear special "Twelve Days of Christmas" programming of sacred music, scripture, prayer, and Christmas greetings through January 6. Daily Chapel resumes January 3 at 10:00 a.m. CT and all other regular programming resume January 7, including the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (8:00 a.m. CT) and continuing in the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (11:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at <a href="https://kguo.org">kfuo.org</a> and the KFUO Radio app!



The Chi-Rho is a Christian symbol consisting of the intersection of the capital Greek letters Chi (X) and Rho (P), which are the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek (XPI $\Sigma$ TO $\Sigma$ , Christos). The Chi-Rho is one of many Christograms used by Christians throughout history. A Christogram is a combination of letters used to symbolize Christ, (think: Christian Monogram.)

The Chi Rho symbol has a special relationship with the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great (ruled 306-337). Constantine had this symbol on his military standard, (known as the labarum.) While the Chi Rho was around before Constantine, it became much more prevalent afterward and continues to be widely used today.

# Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko
Soloist: Cecilia Paradise

Altar Guild: Jessica Reeves, Carol Nance, Laurie George Greeter: Scarth Family, Mark and Kathy Plagens

Elder: Doug Hite, Greg Moudy
Ushers: Ben Scarth, Jeff Loewecke
Sound: Brian Wolf, Nick Moudy

# This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Jan. 2, 2022

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am No Sunday school today

IMPACT Class (Room 122)

Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114)

10:45 am Late Worship Service

12:00 pm College Group

Tuesday, January 4

12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 7

9:00 am Comfort Makers

6:30 pm Ushers/Greeters/Sound Techs/Altar

Guild meetings and dinner

# Next Sunday's Readings January 9, 2022

Old Testament: Is. 43:1–7 Epistle: Rom. 6:1–11 Gospel: Luke 3:15–22



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Carol Nance in loving memory of Bob Nance; and by the elders.



About the Cover: Frantically searching parents finally found Jesus where He said He was to be found. Jesus is about His Father's business. Jesus is always found right where He promises to be. Years later, when the disciples were greatly concerned about the empty tomb after Jesus' death on the cross, they found Him risen from the dead and in Galilee, just as He promised. We have no need to be frantic in our search for Jesus. He is right where He has promised to be: in His Word and Sacraments.