

He was called  
**JESUS**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas**



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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

*Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so carefully hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given to us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941)*

### 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 Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is 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.

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# Circumcision and Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023

10:00 am

Divine Service III – *LSB 184*

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## Prelude

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

“O Sing of Christ”

*LSB 362*



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred  
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.  
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.  
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.  
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955 Tune: English; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

*LSB 184*

*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.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]*

**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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*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. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

### +++Service of the Word+++

#### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47; LSB 186*



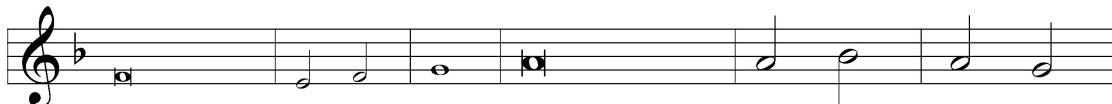
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

#### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,





we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9*

O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**O LORD, our Lord,**  
**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\***  
**You have set your glory above the | heavens.**

Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\***  
**the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,**

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*  
and the son of man that you | care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\***  
**and crowned him with glory and | honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet,

**all sheep and | oxen,\***  
**and also the beasts | of the field,**

the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,\*  
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.

**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.**

O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:23–29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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



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





## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

**☐ 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.**

## Hymn of the Day

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,  
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
 4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child  
 5 Je - sus! On - ly name that's giv'n Un - der all the might - y heav'n  
 6 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Hu - man name of God a - bove;



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
 For the prom - ise that it gave, “Je - sus shall His peo - ple save.”  
 When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.  
 Where-by those to sin en - slaved Burst their fet - ters and are saved.  
 Plead - ing on - ly this, we flee Help-less, O our God, to Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt. Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

## Sermon

Stand

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12; LSB 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)



Stand

## Prayer of the Church

### +++Service of the Sacrament+++

#### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### Proper Preface

**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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13; LSB196*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 197*

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

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

*Sit*

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29; LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*Communicants are asked to hold open their 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 Hymns

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

**See amid the Winter's Snow**

*LSB 373*

**In Christ There Is No East or West**


*LSB 653*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32; LSB 199*

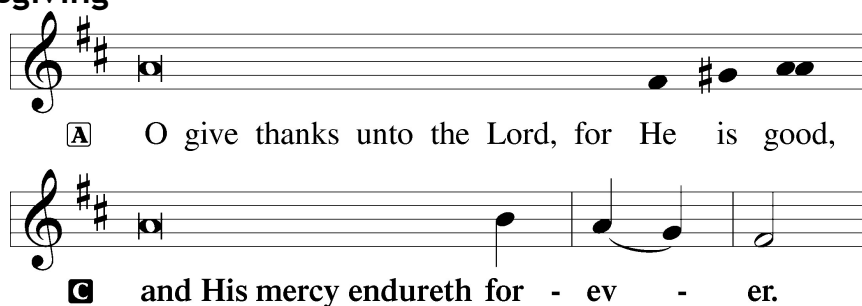
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1; LSB 200*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

*LSB 201*

- 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.



## Salutation and Benedicamus

*2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

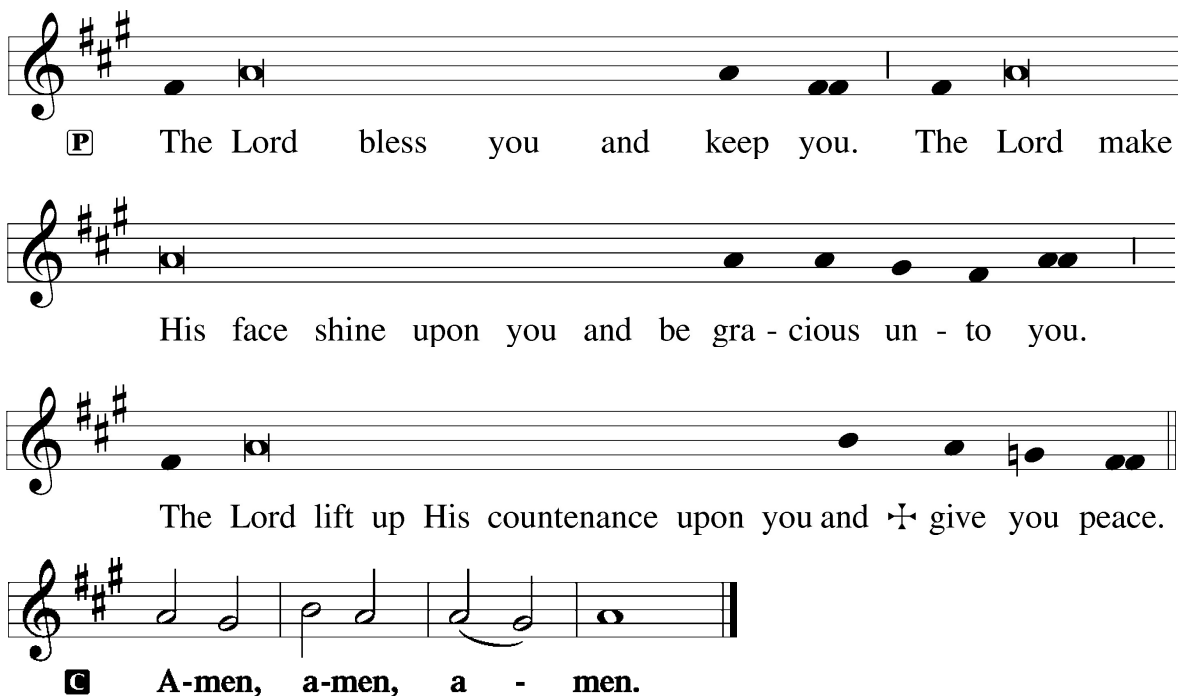
**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for the 'P' part, the second for the 'C' part, the third for the 'A' part, and the fourth for the 'C' part. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal melody.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

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## Recessional Hymn

“The Ancient Law Departs”

LSB 898



1 The an - cient Law de - parts, And all its fears re - move,  
2 The Light of Light di - vine, True bright - ness un - de - filed,  
3 His in - fant bod - y now Be - gins the cross to feel;  
4 To - day the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, For Thy re - deem - ing love,



For Je - sus makes with faith - ful hearts A cov - e - nant of love.  
He bears for us the pain of sin, A ho - ly, spot-less child.  
Those pre-cious drops of blood that flow For death the vic-tim seal.  
They call Thee Je - sus, child di - vine; Our Je - sus deign to be.  
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one In glo-rious might a - bove.

Text: Sebastian Besnault, d. 1724; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

*Sit*

## Announcements

### Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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

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## A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## No Sunday School or Bible Class Today

### 2023 Flower Chart Available

The 2023 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. Please feel free to take your arrangement(s) home after the late service. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up for one of January’s Sundays – all of them have at least one arrangement available.

## **Free Conference at Faith, Plano**

You are invited to attend the North Texas Free Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano on January 28, 2023. The theme is “Christ, Culture, and Woke Ideology” presented by Rev. Dr. Christian Preus. For more info and to sign up, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/5mbtu28w>.

## **Lutherans for Life Team**

Our "Lutherans for Life Team" has been raising funds for the LCMS "Million Dollar Life Match" campaign this year and will be submitting our application soon. We are gathering last funds before we submit our application. Please prayerfully consider giving to this cause which can do so much good. Please note on any donation "Life" so we can ensure it makes it to the right place.

## **Life Thoughts in the Church Year**

Our Lord became incarnate to give all humankind the privileges of His name (Numbers 6:27). He means to make the littlest of us into His sons and daughters (Galatians 3:26). The designation of baby Jesus as divine Child demonstrates the Father's delight in declaring infants (Psalm 8:2), eight-day-olds, and even unborn ones (Luke 2:21) as infinitely precious. Receiving them as gifts celebrates Him as God!

## **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org**

Happy New Year! The Twelve Days of Christmas programming continues through January 8, with special music, readings, and greetings for the season. Regular programming resumes January 9!

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# VIOLA JEAN GARTON

## *Lutheran for Life*

BORN: MARCH 4, 1929 *Brooklyn, New York*

DIED: DECEMBER 23, 2016 *Benton, Arkansas*

**J**EAN GARTON WAS ONE OF THE MISSOURI SYNOD'S most prominent advocates for the unborn for more than four decades. The daughter of police officers and the wife of an LCMS clergyman, Garton came to her position on abortion when she found herself pregnant at the age of 40 and considered "terminating" her pregnancy. She had been an advocate of legalizing the procedure, believing it to be a matter of women's "rights." But by thinking about what an abortion actually did, that is, end the life of an unborn child, she realized just how wrong she had been and so devoted her time and talents to the pro-life movement.

In the wake of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* (1973) that mandated the legalization of abortion in every state of the union, Garton represented the Synod in offering testimony before state legislators and congressional committees. Already in 1971, the LCMS had, on the basis of Scripture, declared that human life begins at conception and that the Fifth Commandment protects the unborn. In the years following, the Synod has frequently reaffirmed this position.

In 1977, Synod leaders (J. A. O. Preus, Ralph Bohlmann and Samuel Nafzger) convened a meeting of Lutheran leaders committed to the pro-life cause. Garton was among them. This was a first step toward the creation of Lutherans For Life, a pan-Lutheran organization designed to inform, educate and motivate Lutherans to uphold the God-given value of every human life and to influence society to act in the same way. When it formally began in 1978, Garton became its first president and remained so for 17 years.

Garton spoke frequently to groups large or small and traveled the world over to deliver her message. For five

years, she hosted her own radio program, *Speaking of Life*, and appeared frequently on James Dobson's *Focus on the Family*. She also wrote articles for a variety of publications. Perhaps her best-known work was her book *Who Broke the Baby?* (1979) that showed the misleading nature of pro-abortion rhetoric.

Garton was the first woman to serve on an LCMS board (1969), chaired both the Synod's Task Force on Women (1974–81) and the President's Commission on Women (1984–94), and served two terms on the Synod's Board of Directors.

About six months before her death, she spoke at the National Right to Life prayer breakfast and commented on a question she had once been asked: "Why do you do what you do?" "I do what I do," she said, "because I cannot not do it. I learned from Jesus that Christianity is not a spectator sport."

**For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit [lcms.org/175](http://lcms.org/175).**

### DISCOVER MORE

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Informing our Future

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is “The Epiphany of Our Lord”?

The word “epiphany” (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning “manifestation.” Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

## Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus’ life. For example, we remember Jesus’ Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!



**Parents:** “God in flesh made manifest” is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.





## Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Ambrose Shaltanis
Altar Guild:	Kathy Hite
Elder:	Doug Hite
Greeter:	Phaedra Shaltanis
Ushers:	Mike Paradise, Joel Crumrine
Sound:	Brian Wolf

### This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Jan. 1, 2022

10:00 am      Worship Service

Monday, January 2

*Office Closed*

Friday, January 6

9:00 am      Comfort Makers

Saturday, January 7

7:30 am      Men's Bible Breakfast

### Next Sunday's Readings January 8, 2023

Old Testament:      Is. 42:1–9

Epistle:      Rom. 6:1–11

Gospel:      Matt. 3:13–17



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by the elders.



Christmas

**About the Cover:** From one year to the next and “from the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!” (Psalm 113:3). There is so much wrapped up in the name *Jesus* (“the Lord saves”). Where the Lord’s name is, there He is present to save. Praise be to the Lord, who, through His cross, eternally saves—placing the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit upon us in Holy Baptism.