

Because he himself
was tested by what
he suffered, he is able
to help those
who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18, NRSV





OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“The Word Became Flesh and Lived Among Us—Alleluia!”

December 26, 2021
Sunday after Christmas

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11:00 am

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Welcome to Our Redeemer

The birth of our Savior fills us with awe and wonder. We can't begin to comprehend why God would love undeserving and rebellious sinners so much that he would send his Son into this world. Nor can we ever fathom why the almighty Son of God the Father would empty himself of his glory and power to take on our human flesh and blood. Certainly, God's plan for our rescue leaves us amazed. At the same time, God's plan for our rescue fills us with an abiding peace and incomparable joy.

About this Service

The order of service for the Sunday after Christmas follows the Common Service. It is printed in this service folder. Through the hymns of praise, the prayers of thanksgiving, and the lessons from the Scriptures, we are led to see how much God loves us, and what he did to proclaim that love. May the Lord's richest blessing be with us as we worship our new-born Savior who became our Servant to save us.

For Parents with Small Children

There are children's service folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up as you enter. There is also a "cry room" and rest rooms in the fellowship hall. After you go through the doors of the church, turn left. In addition, you may watch the service on the monitor in the fellowship hall.

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed
on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

“O Lord How Shall I Meet Thee”
Christian Worship 19

The Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God
the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature
sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words
and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is
good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in
eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my
Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer — cy on us.

Absolution

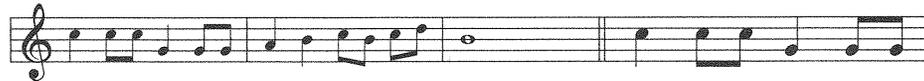
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



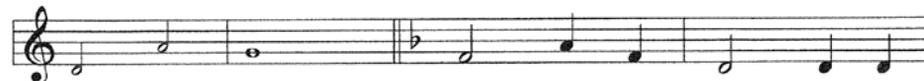
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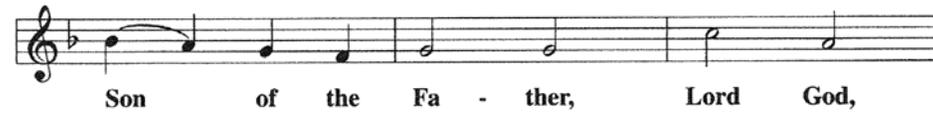
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high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



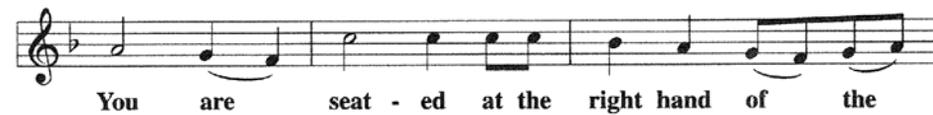
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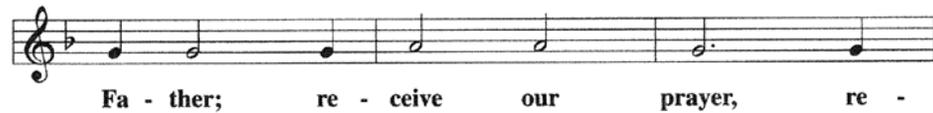
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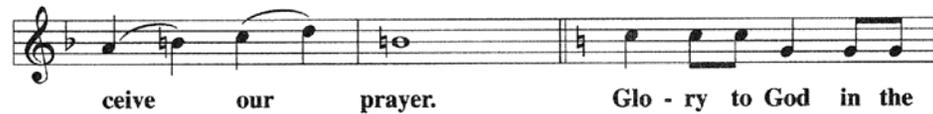
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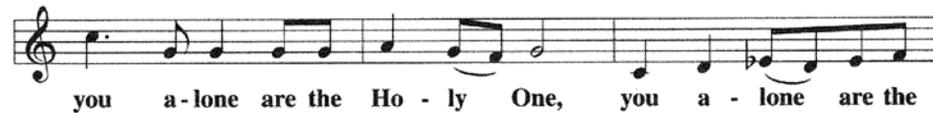
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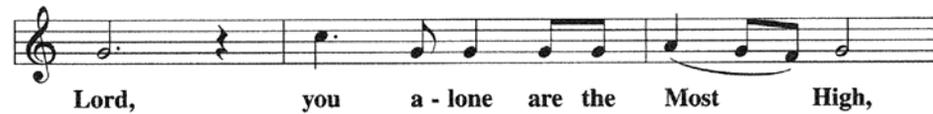
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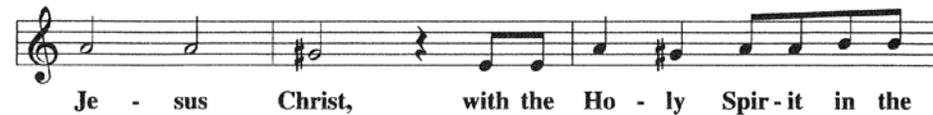
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you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Lord, in the birth of Jesus you present a grand mystery. Your only-begotten Son put aside his glory and came to earth to save sinners. So great was his commitment that he took on flesh and blood, and put himself under the demands of the law. He even endured every dreadful deception and deadly device of the devil. As a result of his precious work, we have a faithful Savior. He forgives all our sins. He strengthens us in every temptation. He even gives us the victory over death and the grave. Send us the Holy Spirit to increase our faith and guide us in your Truth. Then, through your blessed work, prepare us for our journey as we make our way through this life to eternal life. In heaven, we will praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—for your undeserved love and tender mercy.

C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue, so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵The LORD God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.
I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷The LORD God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.

I know that I will not be put to shame.

⁸The one who will acquit me is near!

Who can accuse me?

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹Look, the LORD God will help me.

Who then can declare me guilty?

Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.

A moth will consume them.

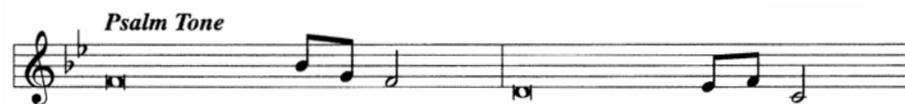
Psalm for the Day

Psalm 98

Refrain

The Word be - came flesh and lived a - mong us.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing to the LORD a | new song; *
for he has done mar- | velous things.

The LORD has made his sal- | vation known, *
and revealed his righteousness to the | nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to
the house of | Israel; *
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation |
of our God.

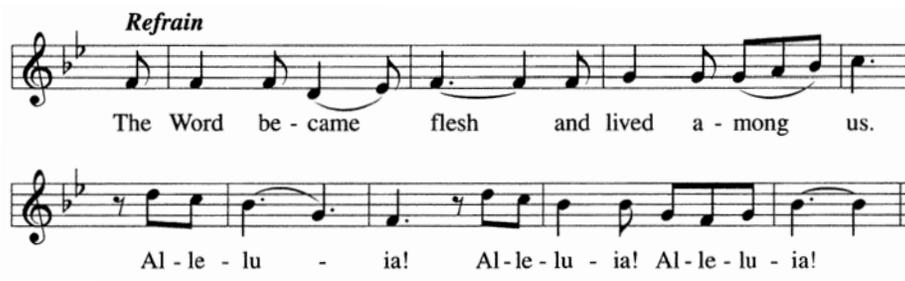
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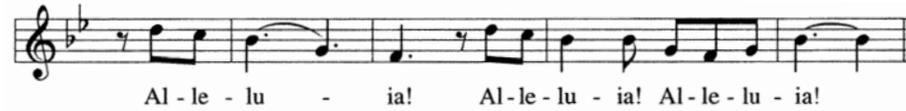
Shout for joy to the LORD, | all the earth; *
burst into jubilant song with | music.

Make music to the LORD | with the harp, *
with the harp and the sound of | singing.

Shout for joy before the | LORD, the King; *
he will judge the world in righteousness and the
peoples with | equity.

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 Gospel

P: The “Good News” about our Savior is recorded in the second chapter of Luke, reading from the forty-first verse.



C: **Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day’s journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.”

⁴⁹He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” ⁵⁰They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵¹He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The Confession of Faith

(We unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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 of the Day

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”
Christian Worship 36

Sermon

Hebrews 2:14-18

Just Like Me?

Jesus shared flesh and blood
Jesus endured real temptation
Jesus secured complete rescue



“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: 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 your pres-ence, and take not your Ho— ly Spir — it



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



tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn

“Let All Together Praise Our God”
Christian Worship 41

Closing Prayer

P: Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
When angels clove the sky with song and light
And God embodied love and sheathed his might —
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could by sing: Immanuel!

And who could be the same for having held
The infant in their arms and latter felt
The wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled —
Who could by sigh: Immanuel!
Who could but shout: Immanuel!

You show the Father none has ever seen,
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain,
In bread and wine you visit us again —
Who could but see: Immanuel!
Who could but thrill: Immanuel!

How else could I have known you, O my God!
How else could I have loved you, O my God!
How else could I embrace you, O my God!
Who could but pray: Immanuel!
Who could but praise: Immanuel!



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

Christian Worship 366

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in our Savior's blessed and new-born Savior's name.* If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book, and come us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service for some refreshments.
- There will be no Bible Class this morning. However, we will meet again on January 2nd to review the Gospel account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her song of praise—the Magnificat.
- Pastor will leave for Arizona early this afternoon. You may contact him by calling the parsonage, or his cell phone. If there is an emergency, please call one of the elders.

Wednesday—There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday, and there is a slight change for the new year. We will not meet until the 12th of January to allow for some cleaning in the fellowship hall. The topic for the new year will be the Divine Call.

Thursday—Pastor Proeber will return in the evening.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Hanna

- Lawn beginning December 26th—J. Schueler

Sunday, January 2nd—In person worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am. There is nothing accidental or coincidental with the Lord. Everything happens according to his set plan. We especially see that with the birth of Son as we recall Paul’s reminder to the Galatian Christians—when the right time had come, God sent his Son.

- The Lord’s Supper will be offered in this service. You may register to receive it today.
- Christian Education will be offered following the service. We will consider Mary’s song of praise for the great things the Lord had done for her.

Thank You

To Alan Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for monitoring the audio and video of the live-stream; to those who decorated the church for our Christmas season of worship.; to Sonja Todd, Sue Proeber and Emily Proeber for serving refreshments after the service.

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