

*But when  
the fullness  
of time  
had come,*



*God sent his  
Son....*

*Galatians 4:4*

The Order of Worship  
*(We will follow the Service of Word and Sacrament  
as it is printed on page 26 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

**Opening Hymn**

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”  
*Christian Worship 36*

**The Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**The Confession of Sins**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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 the 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: Amen!**

**Lord have Mercy**

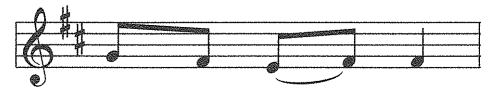
P: Jesus was born for us. Jesus lived and died for us. Jesus rose from the dead, and returned to heaven for us. Through his intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer — cy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C: Christ, have mer — cy.**

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer — cy.**

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



**C: A — — men!**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



**C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor- ious is your name in**

all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer- ci- ful Fa—ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;

you com — fort our spir—it; you make us pure and

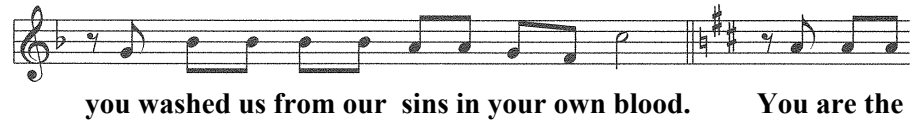
Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on— ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious God and Lord, you sustain us with your promises. Day after day they guide and encourage us. We especially thank you for the promise of your Son. From the beginning of time you promised the seed of the woman. You reaffirmed that promise to Abraham when you said all nations would be blessed through him. Today we rejoice because at just the right time you sent Jesus. Confirm our trust in all of your precious promises. Give us strength to rely on them. Remove every distraction which would keep us from following them as they guide us to heaven. Once we arrive in your kingdom of glory, fill our hearts with love to praise you our faithful God—Father, Son and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — — men!

### The Lessons from God's Word

#### Old Testament

*Genesis 17:1-7*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me

and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous.”

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

### **Psalm Verse**

P: Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted. His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. He raised up a horn for his people—the praise of all his favored ones—for the children of Israel, the people close to him. Praise the LORD.

### **Congregation Sings**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

*Christian Worship 28 st. 1 & 3*

Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept his Word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ the sinner’s help and friend.

Abram’s promised great reward,  
Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord —  
Him of two-fold race behold —  
Truly came, as long foretold.

### **Epistle**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son

into our hearts to shout, “*Abba, Father!*” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

**Theme of Praise**

P: I will remember the deeds of the LORD. Yes, I will remember your wonderful work from long ago. I will meditate on all your work, and I will ponder on all your deeds. O God, your way is carried out in holiness. What god is as great as God? You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples. With your arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

***Congregation Sings***

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”  
*Christian Worship 28 st. 4 & 5*

Welcome, O my Savior, now!  
Joyful, Lord, to you I bow.  
Come into my heart, I pray;  
Oh, prepare yourself a way.

Crush for me the serpent’s head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to you in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

**Gospel**

*Luke 1:68–75*

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited us and prepared redemption  
for his people.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house  
of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>just as he said long ago through the  
mouth of his holy prophets.

<sup>71</sup>He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the  
hand of all who hate us, <sup>72</sup>in order to show mercy to  
our fathers by remembering his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,  
<sup>74</sup>to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies,  
so that we are able to serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Hymn of the Day**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”  
*Christian Worship 35*

**Sermon**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**“God Sent His Son!”**

To redeem us  
To adopt us

**The Confession of Faith**

*(We will join in the words of the Nicene Creed)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

## Thanksgiving and Prayer

### **Prayers for the Lord's Blessings**

*Special Prayers and Requests*

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(spoken with the pastor)*

**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!**

## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



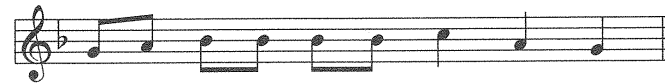
C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church throughout every generation, and gives us confidence to lift up our hearts and receive Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

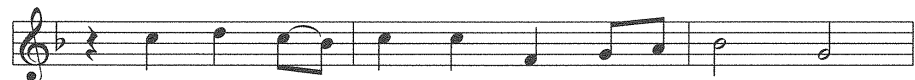
*Sanctus*



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

### **The Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### **The Blessing of Peace**

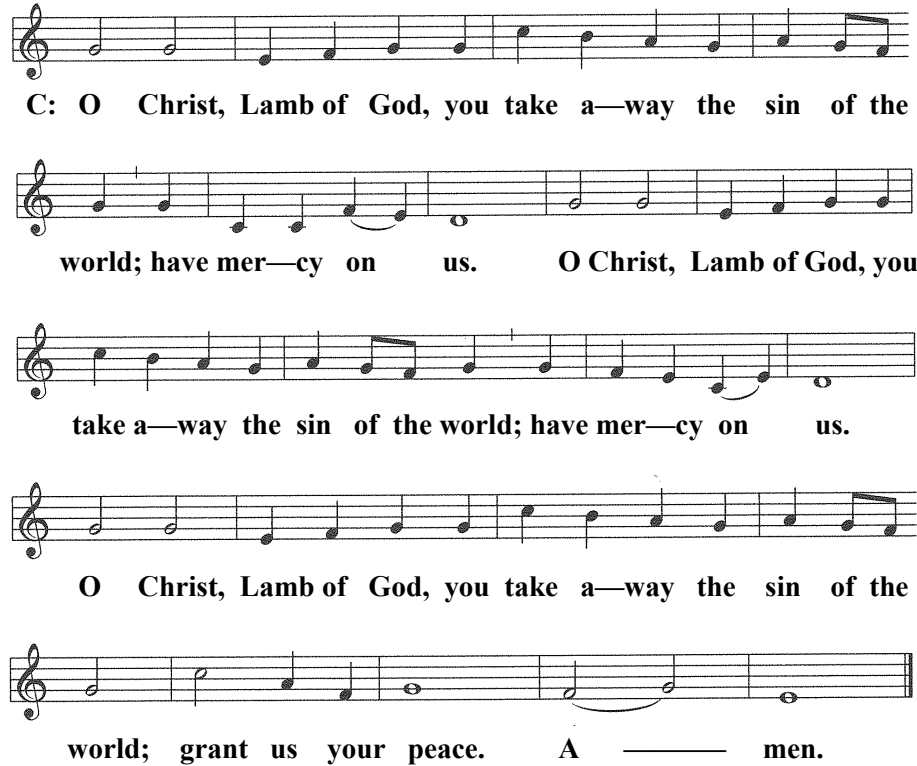
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A — — — men.

**O Christ, Lamb of God**

*Agnus Dei*



**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the  
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

***The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution***

*Please come forward at the direction of the pastor, allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. He will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After drinking, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east wall. The closing blessing will be given after all have received the Sacrament.*

**The Blessing**

**P:** Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

# Thanksgiving

## Song of Thanksgiving

*(Congregation rises and sings)*



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

### Closing Prayer:

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men.

### The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one

another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on 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

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”  
*Christian Worship 76*

### Silent Prayer

#### Announcements . . .

**Today** - *Welcome in Name of our loving and new-born Savior!*  
As we complete our Christmas season of worship and anticipate the season of Epiphany, we are filled with an inexpressible joy. God was faithful and sent his Son, at just the right time. Because Jesus came, we can live our lives with peace and confidence as we wait for our adoption as sons and children of God. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship and some snacks prepared by the ladies of the congregation. Everyone is invited.
- Christian Education will following the worship service. We will consider the “Magnificat,” Mary’s song of praise prior to the birth of her Son, our Savior. The words truly are our words because God has done great things for all of us.

**Monday**—There will be no handbell choir practice this evening. Watch for practices to begin in the New Year.

**Tuesday**—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. The ministry and funding plan for 2022 will be consider. Committees will meet following the 7:00 pm meeting.

**Wednesday**—Bible Class will not start this week, but will begin on Wednesday, January 12th. The study will focus on the Divine

Call. It is an interesting process and one which we thankfully have not had to consider for the past 20 years. The material was prepared by the Conference of Presidents because there is a fair amount of misunderstanding regarding how the process works, and how long it should take. The class will start at 7:00 pm.

**Friday**—Office hours from 10:30—12:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning: J. Martin

- Lawn mowing beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>—J. Brown

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>—Sunday Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.** There are several lessons we learn from the Baptism of Jesus. The first is God the Father reveals Jesus as his Son. Another is that Jesus is the promised Savior. A third is that Jesus has done everything required to please his Father’s righteous requirements and secure our forgiveness.

- Christian Education will follow and consider the importance of Jesus’ baptism, our baptism, and Paul’s confident proclamation, “God saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

### Thank You

Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video for the live-stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in grateful praise for the gift of his Son; and to Sonja Todd, Sue Proeber and Emily Proeber for service refreshments following the service.

### Congregational Meeting

Following the worship service on January 16th we will have our Annual Meeting. The 2022 Ministry Plan and Budget will be discussed as well as other pertinent matters for the New Year.



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