

December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

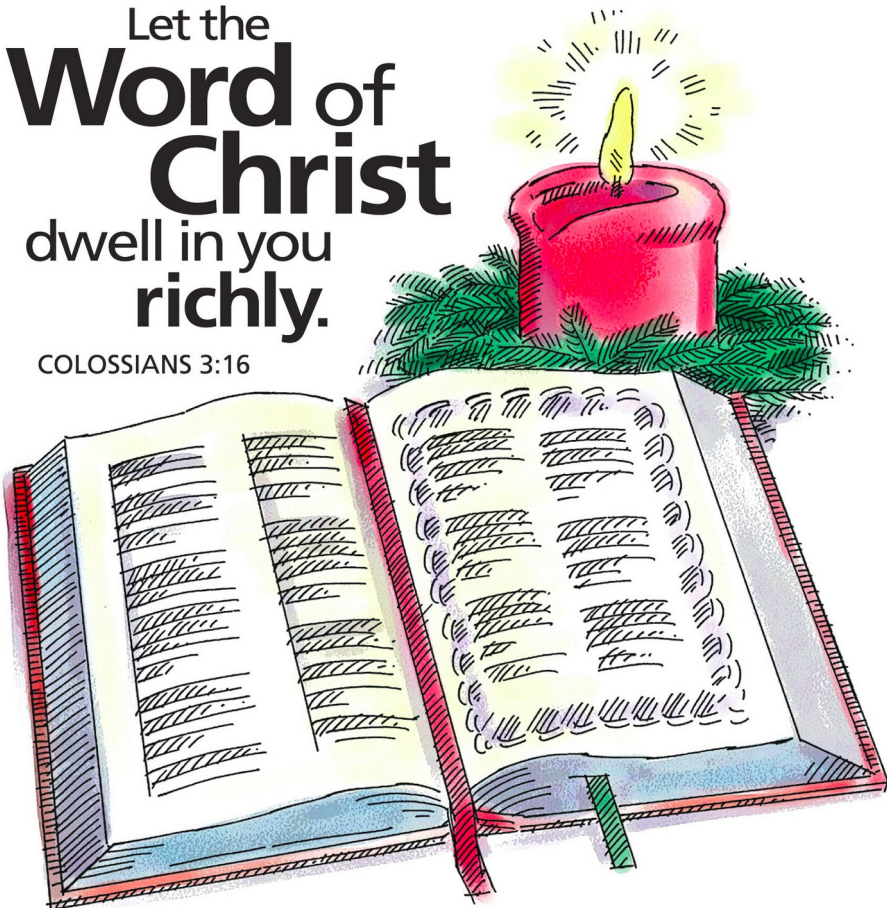
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Let the
**Word of
Christ**
dwell in you
richly.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



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Today's Worship

One gift that could never come in the wrong size is Christ. He will always be exactly what we want and need: a sacrifice who takes our place on the cross and in the tomb. The apostle Paul writes in Colossians that the blessings that come with salvation in Jesus Christ are intended for all people. Simeon and Anna recognized this when they held the gift of a Savior in their arms at the temple. Through God's mercy, grace, and love, the gift of Jesus for us is one that we especially treasure this Christmas season and each day of every year.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]

Hymn

TLH 93 – O Lord, We Welcome Thee

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 111

- P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
C **studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C **and his righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear him;
C **he remembers his covenant forever.**
- P** He has shown his people the power of his works,
C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C **all his precepts are trustworthy;**
- P** they are established forever and ever,
C **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** He sent redemption to his people;
C **he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**
- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
C **all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

Gloria Patri


Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

Kyrie


Lord, Have Mercy



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹ The 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.” ³ Then 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, ¹² you 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. ¹³ Every 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. ¹⁴ And 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. ¹⁵ For 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.’

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him 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”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now 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. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing 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. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let 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. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Sermon

Christmas is Your Identity



Offertory



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.

Hymn

TLH 90 – Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 87 – Joy to the World, the Lord is Come

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TLH 93 – O Lord, We Welcome Thee

Is. 9: 6

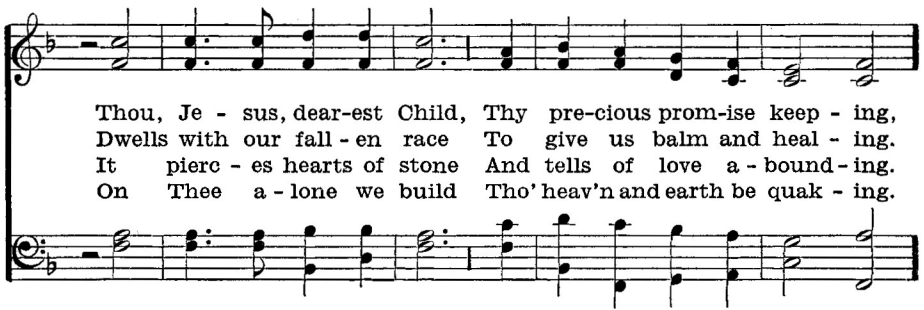
Ich freue mich in dir
Caspar Ziegler, 1648
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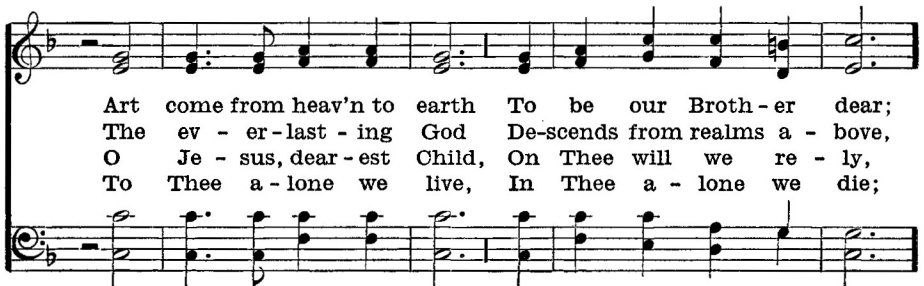
Nun danket alle Gott
Johann Crüger, 1648



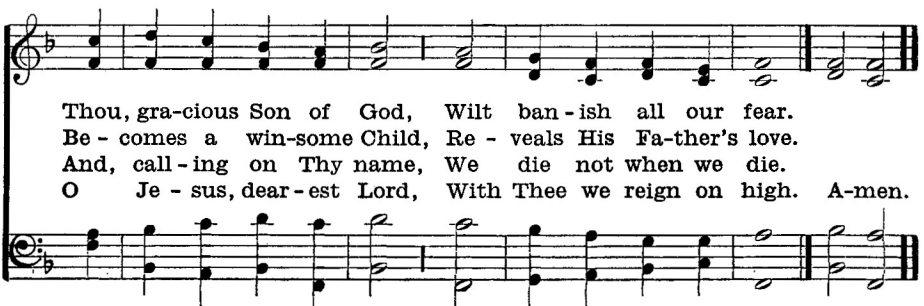
1 O Lord, we wel-come Thee, Our hearts for joy are leap - ing.
2 The might - y Son of God, His maj - es - ty con-ceal - ing,
3 Ah, sweet and gen - tle name! Its ech - oes far are sound - ing,
4 To Thee a - lone we cling, For Thee all else for - sak - ing;



Thou, Je - sus, dear-est Child, Thy pre-cious prom-ise keep - ing,
Dwells with our fall - en race To give us balm and heal - ing.
It pierc - es hearts of stone And tells of love a - bound - ing.
On Thee a - lone we build Tho' heav'n and earth be quak - ing.



Art come from heav'n to earth To be our Broth - er dear;
The ev - er - last - ing God De-scends from realms a - bove,
O Je - sus, dear-est Child, On Thee will we re - ly,
To Thee a - lone we live, In Thee a - lone we die;



Thou, gra-cious Son of God, Wilt ban - ish all our fear.
Be - comes a win-some Child, Re - veals His Fa-ther's love.
And, call - ing on Thy name, We die not when we die.
O Je - sus, dear - est Lord, With Thee we reign on high. A - men.

TLH 35 – Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

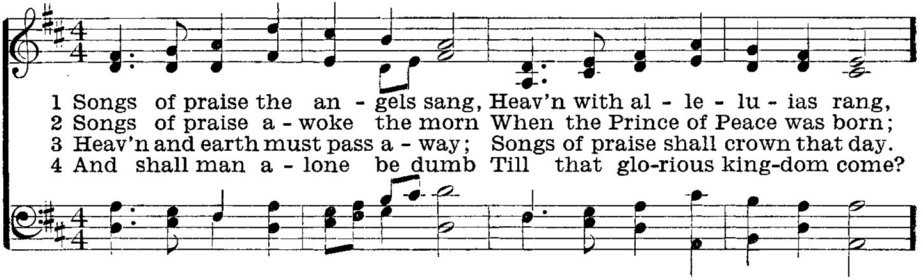
Job 38 : 7

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Innocents

James Montgomery, 1819, alt.

French melody, 13th century



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with al - le - lu - ias rang,
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the Prince of Peace was born;
3 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of praise shall crown that day;
4 And shall man a - lone be dumb Till that glo - rious king - dom come?



When cre - a - tion was be - gun, When God spake and it was done.
Songs of praise a - rose when He Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
God will make new heav'n's and earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
No; the Church delights to raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise. Amen.

5 Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then, amidst eternal joy,
Songs of praise their powers employ.

TLH 90 – Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Luke 2: 15
 Kommt und lasst uns Christum ehren
 Paul Gerhardt, 1667
 Tr., composite

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Quem pastores
 14th-century melody

1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
 2 Sin and death may well be groan - ing, Sa - tan
 3 See how God, for us pro - vid - ing, Gave His

Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
 now may well be moan - ing; We, our full sal - va - tion
 Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is

maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
 own - ing, Cast our ev - 'ry care a - way.
 guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy. A - men.

4 Christ, from heaven to us descending
 And in love our race befriending,
 In our need His help extending,
 Saved us from the wily Foe.

7 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 When by faith we grasp this blessing
 And to Thee we come confessing
 That our freedom Thou hast wrought!

5 Jacob's Star in all its splendor
 Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
 Forcing Satan to surrender,
 Breaking all the powers of hell.

8 Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us,
 From Thy lowly manger cheer us,
 Gently lead us and be near us
 Till we join th' angelic choir.

6 From the bondage that oppressed us,
 From sin's fetters that possessed us,
 From the grief that sore distressed us,
 We, the captives, now are free.

TLH 87 – Joy to the World, the Lord is Come

Luke 2: 10; Ps. 98
Isaac Watts, 1719

C. M.

Antioch
Georg F. Händel, 1742, arr.

Congregation and Choir

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in-
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

Choir only

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous-

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains, Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

Congregation and Choir

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love. A - men.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

December 26	10:00 am	Worship Service
December 28	6:30 pm	Elders
December 31	6:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
January 2	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Christmas Undecorating
January 9	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Christmas Undecorating: We will be putting away the Christmas decorations following the worship service next Sunday. Please stick around to help out if you are able.

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

CLC News: Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has been called by Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN + Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, is still considering the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

FRUITS OF FAITH – December 15 & 19 **Attendance: 12/15 - 17; 12/19 - 52**

Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession	
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$2,651.00	LM General Budget (12/15)	\$435.00	CLC General Budget (12/19)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$425.92	-Under / +Over	+\$50.38	-Under / +Over
\$132,401.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$8,713.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$156,922.92	Year to Date Need	\$9,615.50	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$24,521.09	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$902.50	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
\$10.00	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$20.00	LM M & I		Mission Development (MDF)
\$5.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$20.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

