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Resurrection

Our Mission is “To Open Hearts”
Through the message of Christ Crucified

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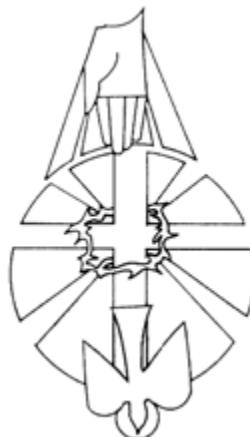
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Welcome!

A warm welcome to our guests and visitors! We pray that your spirit would be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we gather together to receive God's Divine Service.

We recognize that little children may not be able to sit patiently through the entire worship service. **There is a 'Cry Room'** just outside the sanctuary where parents may tend to infants during the service. A window and speaker allow parents to continue to follow and participate in the service.

Cell Phones: As Lutherans, we believe that God speaks to us through Word and Sacraments. Therefore, please be sure to turn all cell phones off before entering the sanctuary.



+ THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS +

PRELUDE

Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand

André Van Vliet

(Stand)

HYMN:

#389 LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

sts. 1–4

OPENING VERSICLES

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
 - C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 - L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 - C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
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- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
 - C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
 - L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
 - C** Teach me Your paths.
 - L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
 - C** Your Word is truth.
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- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 - C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
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- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

LSB 261

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my salvation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my salvation.

(*Sit*)

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111



¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

²Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

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.

READING

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

READING

Luke 2:22–40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] 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”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow

until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(*Sit*)

HYMN:

#546 O JESUS SO SWEET, O JESUS SO MILD

SERMON

ORGAN OFFERTORY

We Should All Praise Christ

J. S. Bach

(*Stand*)

PRAYER

(*Each petition is concluded with, "Lord, in your mercy." Our response is, "Hear our prayer."*)

- (*If you would like to submit a prayer request, please use the form provided on the table in the Narthex.*)

(*Conclusion*)

P ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

LSB 266

Refrain

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
 lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.
Refrain
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN:

#389 LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD sts. 5–7

POSTLUDE *From Heaven On High I Come* *Wilhelm Rudnick*

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Announcements!

The Prayers: In your prayers this week, please remember:

Those in need of the Lord's help with physical struggles:

Angie Carlson—multiple sclerosis; Matthew Gaug (Son of Peter and Evelyn Gaug— Lou Gehrig's Disease); David Klipp (Brother-in-law of Sharon Klipp (recovery from Myasthenia Gravis disease); Jonathan Milhous (Nephew of Sharon Conover—autism with seizures); Megan Huesers (diabetes); Robert Sieber (heart/hip issues); Eleanor Keefe—problem with her eyes; Al Monray (friend of Krys Paules—leukemia); Alen Rowe (friend of Krys Paules—prostate cancer); Dave Willman (friend of Krys Paules—rare heart disease); Lucille (Former co-worker of Krys Paules—alzheimers); Corry Klipp (Sharon's sister-in-law—Alzheimer's); Debbie Knight (Cousin of Laverne Pelletier—healing from transverse myelitis); Virgil Tilton (Friend of Moe and Becky Cote—cancer); Natalie Crowley (recovery from broken hip); Melba Larsen (Mark Larsen's mother—recovery from stroke); Don Pryor (recovery from stroke); Brett Lambert (friend of Maira Goldsmith—heart defect); Robert Drageland (Brother of Rick Drageland—dementia); Beck Keefe (blood disorder); Andrea (friend of Keefe's—cancer); Allen Treadwell (Michelle Hein's father—cancer); Donna Treadwell (Michelle Hein's step-mother—dementia); Russ Morris (David Morris' father—recovery from illness); Peter Doran (recovery from heart problems); Lois Doran (recovery from cancer); Joan Drageland (recovery from illness); Vary Fischer (recovery from leg infection); Angela Gibbs (friend of Tom and Katie Huesers—recovery from stroke); Abigail Quinlivan (Daughter of co-worker of Chris Batson—Leukemia); Melinda Penner (friend of Charlie MacPherson—recovery from head injury); Vicki Lesmerises (friend of Krys Paules—cancer); Cathy York (friend of Jenifer MacPherson—cancer); Nathanael Batson (successful treatments for tumors); Warren Waltz (friend of Jenifer MacPherson—colon cancer); Becky Cote (successful treatment for heart disease); Mo Cote (cancer treatment); Cecilia Foss (niece of James Breslin – recovery from back surgery); Aubri Brooks (friend of Maira Goldsmith – eye disease); Gail Carrano (recovery from surgery); Geraldine Abinader (Sister of Joan Drageland – dementia); Kemp Anderson (recovery from back surgery); Donna Baker (Cousin of James Breslin – recovery); Becky Sue Collins (friend of Gail Carrano – tumor).

Those in need of the Lord's help with aging / life struggles:

Joan Nielsen (Mother of pastor Nielsen); Ruth Kennedy (Grandmother of Christine Thomas); James Wright (Father of Becky Cote); Elfie Wright (Stepmother of Becky Cote); Glenna Wright (Mother of Becky Cote).

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sharon Klipp.

Sunday Morning Bible Class and Sunday School

For all ages from 10-10:30am every Sunday. The kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall and the adults will meet in the Sanctuary.

Thursday Bible Study

10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

6:00pm via Zoom.

If you would like to be added to the weekly email list for this class, please contact Pastor Akers.

How Do I Consider Membership In This Congregation?

Twice a year, pastor Akers teaches a 9 week "Inquirer's Class" for everyone who would like to know what we believe, teach and confess. This class is the entryway into the congregation for everyone who would like to become a member or simply find out more. Please see pastor Akers to sign up now.

Prayers for Worship

For a selection of prayers for worship, please see the inside front cover of the Lutheran Service Book and/or pages 305-318 in your hymnal.

In The Service Of God's House Today:

Acolyte:	10:45 Andrew Farr
Ushers:	8:30 Rick Drageland
	10:45 John Ayotte
Cantor:	8:30 Jared Goldsmith
	10:45 Steve Farr
Greeters:	8:30 The Dragelands
	10:45 The Cotes
Flowers:	Sharon Klipp
Altar Guild:	Krista Carlson

In The Service Of God's House Next Sunday: 1/3/21

Acolyte:	10:45 Evan Farr
Comm. Assist:	8:30 Charlie MacPherson
	10:45 Chris Batson
Ushers:	8:30 Rick Drageland
	10:45 Mo Cote
Cantor:	8:30 Sharon Conover
	10:45 Allison Farr
Greeters:	8:30 Sharon Klipp
	10:45 Mark & LeeAnne Larsen
Flowers:	The MacPhersons
Altar Guild:	Kitty Carlson

Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week: *Read the bible every day.*

- 12/27 **Isaiah 51:17-52:12 / Matthew 2:1-12**
12/28 **Isaiah 52:13-54:10 / Matthew 2:13-23**
12/29 **Isaiah 55:1-13 / Luke 1:1-25**
12/30 **Isaiah 58:1-59:3,14-21 / Luke 1:26-38**
12/31 **Isaiah 60:1-22 / Luke 1:39-56**
1/1 **Isaiah 61:1-11 / Luke 1:57-80**
1/2 **Isaiah 62:1-12 / Luke 2:1-20**

(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)

Some helpful habits for home devotions:

- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you.*