

# FIRST SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020



+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR +

Confession and Absolution

HYMN ~ 386 *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, / Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth / Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth / The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! / Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; / I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, / O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, / Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! / Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine / The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us / Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us / A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! / May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? / Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing / With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing / In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! / Oh, that we were there!

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy;**

**Christ, have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory / And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven / Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; / Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, / Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, / The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, / You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; / Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated / At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; / You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, / Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit / Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. / "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the beginning at the sixty-first chapter.

*After the reading:*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM ~ *Psalms 111; antiphon: v. 9a,b*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

## EPISTLE ~ *Galatians 4:4-7*

P The Epistle is from Galatians, the fourth chapter.

*After the reading:*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL ~ *Luke 2:22-40*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 519 *In His Temple Now Behold Him*

- 1 In His temple now behold Him, / See the long-expected Lord;  
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, / God has now fulfilled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His redeemed / Shall break forth with one accord.
- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, / Virgin pure, behold Him lie  
While His aged saints adore Him / Ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia, alleluia! / Lo, the incarnate God Most High!
- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation, / When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great salvation, / Seal us with Your promise sure;  
And present us in Your glory / To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

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## SERMON ~ "LIFE AS CHRISTMAS JOURNEY" LUKE 2:22-40

### Nicene Creed

- C **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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

- P Lord, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING (*Online giving is available on the website.*)

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, / And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### Distribution (*in the Sanctuary*)

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C **1 O Lord, now let Your servant / Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory / Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles / Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, / Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, / All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, / Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, / Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding / Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Collect

A 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.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN ~ 924 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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