

*The Second Sunday of*  
**CHRISTMAS**

January 5, 2025



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*My eyes have seen  
Thy salvation*



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## Lutheran Church

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### PRELUDE

“He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising”

*Paul Manz*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; Ephesians 1:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

Pastor: He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,

**People: that we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. This is the promised place of God's dwelling. Therefore let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

**People: Blessed Lord God, apart from You there is no god. Apart from You there is no hope or forgiveness. We confess our sin amid the fears and anxieties of daily life. We have gone our own way, lost in our sin and faithlessness. Therefore, we return to You here, remembering Your promise, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." Deliver us from all anxiety, forgive our sins, speak Your comforting Word of hope, and lead us in the way of Your righteousness and peace.**

Pastor: The Lord is your strength and your stronghold, your refuge in the day of trouble. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

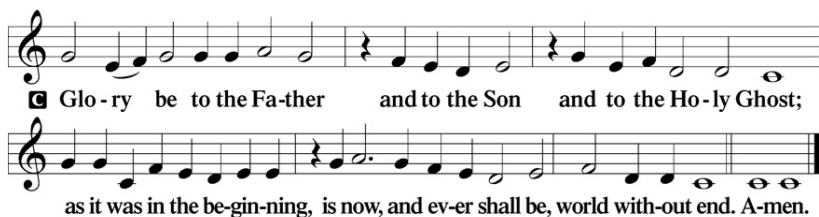
**People: ♪ Amen**

## THE INTROIT *Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

Pastor/Choir: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God; Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord!

## THE GLORIA PATRI



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## **CHRISTMAS KYRIE**



O Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy Lord. Grant us Thy ho - ly peace. Have  
mer - cy Christ, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our "God with us".

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" LSB 377 v. 1, 3-4



1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark - ness we have light, Which made the an - gels  
an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which  
hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to  
mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

## **THE SALUTATION** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



**G** And with thy spir - it.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, Your love knows no bounds, and so You sent Your Son that we might be Your children. Enliven our faith so that we may give the gift of Your love to all whom we meet; help us to love them, forgive them, and sing Your praises with them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Kings 3:4–15

*(Solomon asks for the gift of wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon, the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

*(God chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.)*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40–52

*(Jesus goes to Passover in Jerusalem and shows He is about the things of His Father.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

People:



<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching

for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



## HYMN OF THE DAY

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

## SERMON

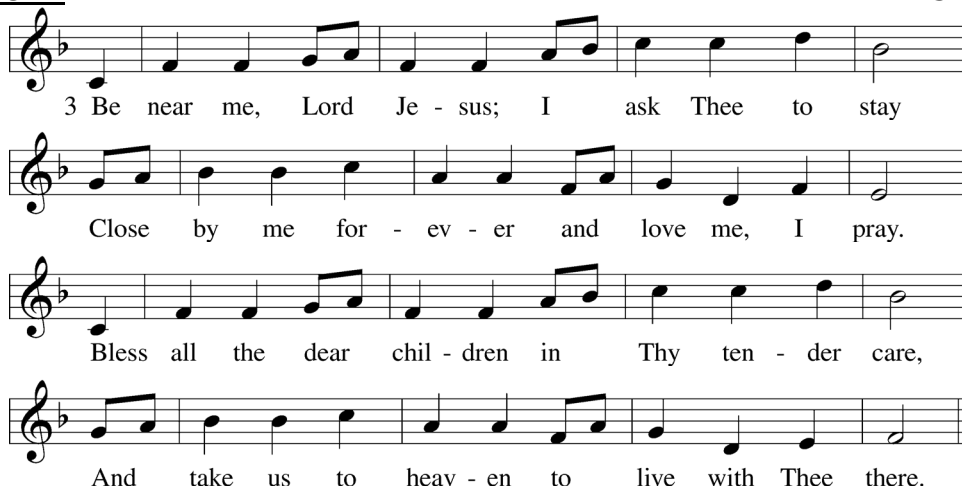
"Lost in the Shuffle?"

Luke 2:46-49

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor  
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## OFFERTORY

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## VOLUNTARY

"Cradle Song"

Kevin Hildebrand

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*9am continues with the benediction*

## **\* The Order of Holy Communion \***

*@10:30am*

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

**People:**



**☐** And with thy spir - it.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

**People:**



**☐** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



Pastor:

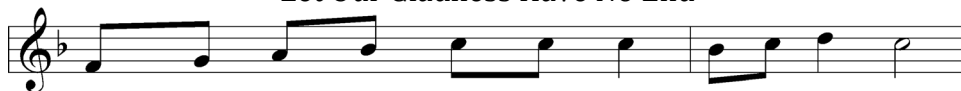
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



# "Let Our Gladness Have No End"

LSB 381



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

## DISMISSAL

### NUNC DIMITTIS Lk 2:29-32

LSB p. 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
 people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, love, and grace,  
 in Your immense love for us from all eternity You sent Your Son, Jesus, to  
 be born of Mary. He died for the sins of the world and rose to life  
 victoriously. Through Him we have obtained an inheritance as Your dearly  
 loved children. We ask that You continue to walk with us as You rule our  
 hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we be empowered constantly  
 by Your love for all humanity; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

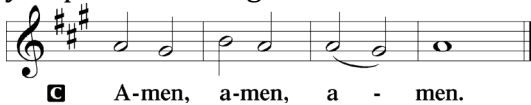
People: ♪ Amen

## **BENEDICTION**

*Based on Ephesians 1:13-14*

**Pastor:** When you heard the Word of truth and believed in Christ, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. As you have heard His Word, and give thanks for the power of His Spirit, go as His chosen people in praise of His name. 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 ✱ give you peace in the “guarantee of our inheritance.”

**People:**



## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”*

♪ **God rest ye merry, gentlemen Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember, Christ, our Savior Was born on Christmas day.  
To save us all from Satan’s power When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**From God our Heavenly Father A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas All other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Unto Us a Boy is Born”*

*Sharon Elery Rogers*