The Second Sunday of CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026



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PRELUDE

"Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Karl Osterland



INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

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 Christ before the foundation of the world,

People: that we should be holy and blameless before Him. Ephesians 1:3-4

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear friends, we gather here as our Christmas celebration winds down.

We are certainly aware how quickly time flies, and there is more to the story of the Gospel and so much more for us to learn. Let us begin by

recalling that which makes any hope of salvation impossible: our sin and our inability to free ourselves from sin's grasp. Yet it is by the Holy Spirit that we are moved to confess our sins to God in the confidence that He who has first chosen and loved us, gives us forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

"Because you have asked this, behold, I now do according to your word." 1 Kgs 3:11-12. Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

√Amen. People:

Pastor:

THE INTROIT *Isaiah 9:6; Antiphon: Psalm 98:1a*

Pastor/Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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• 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.

CHRISTMAS KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison ("Lord have mercy") for Christmas is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune "Coventry Carol", first written in 1534 at the time of Luther.

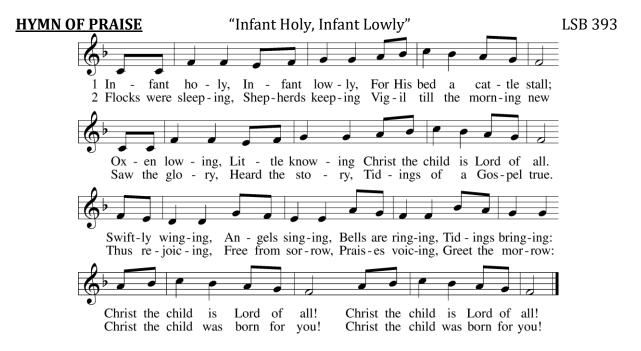


PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our maker and redeemer, who wonderfully created us, and in the Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 3:4-15

(Solomon asks not for riches but wisdom.)

⁴And 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. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And 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 in wisdom.)

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

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who 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:

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GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

(Jesus grew in stature and wisdom.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the second chapter.

People:



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

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And 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." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CHRISTMAS CONFESSION OF FAITH

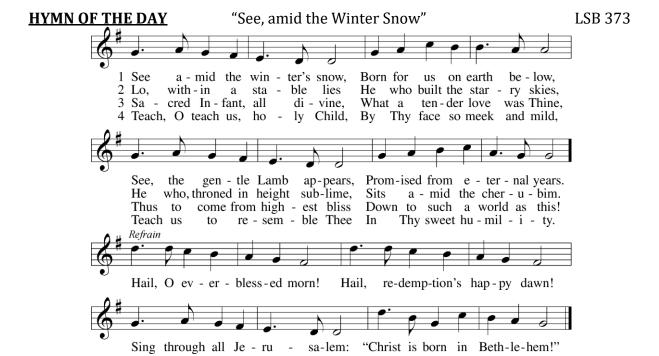
Pastor:

As the shepherds told everyone what had happened in Bethlehem on that first Christmas, we declare what we know and believe about God's Son.

People:

I believe in Jesus the Christ—child prophesied by Isaiah, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, named by Joseph, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men and celebrated by Simeon and Anna.

He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and people. He fulfilled God's law on our behalf. Though He never sinned, He took on our sin. He suffered, died on a cross, and was laid in a tomb. On the third day He conquered death and the grave and now reigns at His Father's right hand. He will return to receive all who cradle Him in the manger of their hearts. Thanks be to God for His gift too wonderful for words!



SERMON

"Because of Christmas Day" Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor

Ephesians 1:7,8

Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

OFFERTORY

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Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne; Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Johannes Brahms

PRAYERS

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.

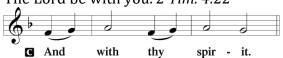
9am continues with benediction

+ The Order of Holy Communion + @10:30am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

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

People:



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

People:



Pastor:

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

People:



Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI In 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

THE AGNUS DEI Jn 1:29

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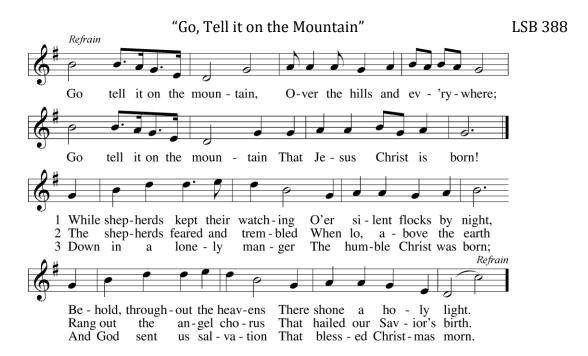
● O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.

Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.



DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor:

We give You thanks Heavenly Father, that You have given us the precious gift of Your Son's body and blood in this holy gift of the Lord's Supper. Strengthen us with both forgiveness and life through this gift and enable us to celebrate Christmas every day in our lives, all throughout the year, as we live with the joy of our salvation. We ask this in the name of Your Son, the Christ child, Jesus.

BENEDICTION

Pastor:

The Lord bless you and keep you, the whole year through. The Lord make His face shine on you with the light of the Christ Child. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace on earth, goodwill to all, now and forever.

People:





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