

... for my
eyes have
seen your
salvation,...

Luke 2:30, NRSV



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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 601-1039

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Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

***** = Stand

C = Congregation

*Opening Voluntary

386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

***Invocation**

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

C A _____ men

***Introit**

LSB 387; Psalm 98:1-4; Isaiah 52:10

LSB 387 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

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

C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Joy to the World

2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing

joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
- C** He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Joy to the World

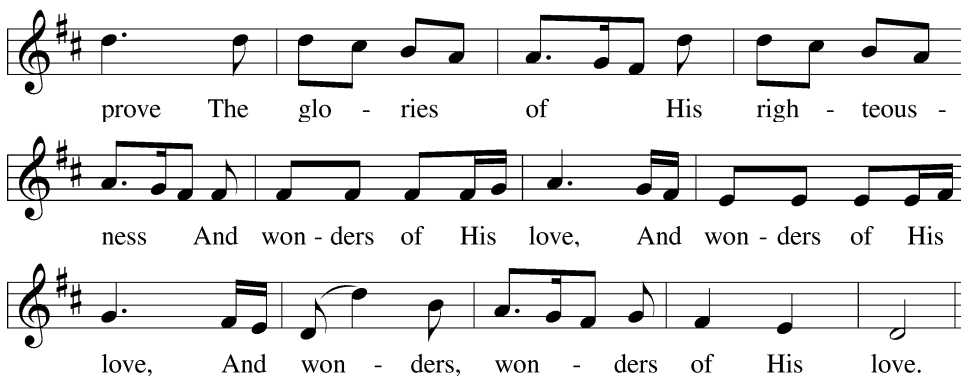
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
- C** And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Joy to the World

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*Confession

- 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** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

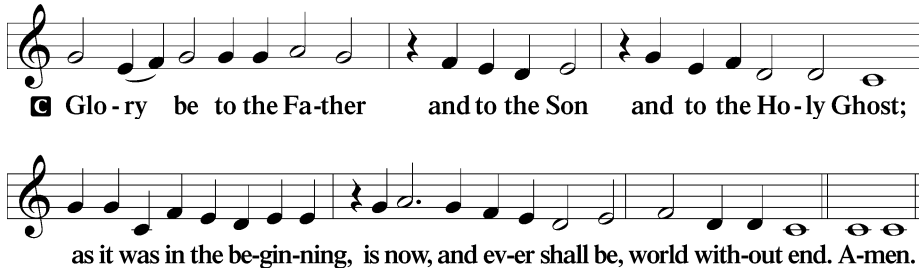
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have taken for granted the gift of salvation You give us through Jesus. Help us to focus on the reason for the season, the birth of Your Son for our sakes. Forgive us, O God, and let us depart in peace, according to Your Word, in Jesus, who came to save us from our sins. Amen.

*Absolution



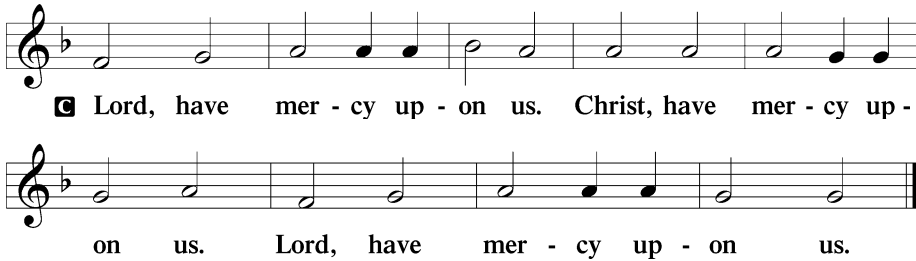
C A_____ men.

*Gloria Patri



C 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.

*Kyrie



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

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The 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.”

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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. ³⁸And 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.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*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.

Children's Message

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

Let the little children
& COME TO ME,
do not hinder them,
for the KINGDOM of GOD
belongs to such as these.
LUKE 18:16

Hymn of The Day

LSB 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Sermon

“The Fall and Rising of Many”

(Luke 2:22-40)

Sermon Notes:

Voluntary

*Offertory



C 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Prayer of the Church

*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.

Induction of Officers (8:00 & 10:30)

*Benediction

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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 362 O Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A-mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: A. Hopfer/D. Gerfen/M. Flosi

Elders: 8:00: Rich Behnke, Ralph Wolters; 9:20: Aaron Baese, Alan Hopfer; 10:30: Rick Goodman, Greg Wirtel

Ushers: 8:00: Mike Renner, Vern Bollman, Tim Drier, Joe Karasek, Mark Mullen, Doug Schlechte, Dale Watson; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Rick Horn, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jason Rainey; 10:30: Jeff Nelson, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog, Nathan Nelson, Luis Palma, Kyle Sandersfeld, Tom Willmering

Greeters: 9:20: Eric & Stephanie Holler; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15-10:15a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall): led by Pastor Furgeson and Rob Uthoff

Women's Bible Class (Commons Conf. Room): led by Janice McCreary

Sunday School: Meets in the Gymnasium

Youth Bible Class (Youth Room): led by Christina Stackle

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

PART TIME POSITION FOR SCHOOL NURSE at Green Park Lutheran School, 20 hours/week, Mondays through Fridays 10:30a.m.-2:30p.m. If interested, please send resume and contact information to ruthann.gieseke@greenparklutheranschool.org.

A TEACHER AIDE POSITION TO ASSIST JK3/GRADE 2 students is open at Green Park Lutheran School. Please call the school office 314-544-4248 if interested in filling this exciting, hands-on time with kids. Resume may be sent to ruthann.gieseke@greenparklutheranschool.org.

END OF THE YEAR REMINDER All offerings and donations to church must be received on or before December 31 to be credited to the 2021 tax year. Questions? Contact Jacque McElroy.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK AT PEACE! Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up on Saturday evening and clean-up on Sunday morning. In the past, the groups and organizations within Peace have volunteered to host this for a month. If you are a group or individual and would like to volunteer, we need your help! Please contact Dr. Heather Carlson at carlson.heather2010@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BEGIN on Sunday, February 6, 2022, and will continue for six weeks. Classes are held from 12:00-1:30p.m. Lunch is provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: Mary/Martha Bible Study will not meet on December 30. Wednesday Evening Bible Study will not meet again until Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Sunday Evening Catechism Class will not meet again until January 9, 2022.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE TIME is 7:00p.m. this year. Note the time change from past years.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN needs old medicine bottles. Place in the collection box in the Commons next to the Food Collection Bins. If donating old prescription bottles, please remove the label.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to all who worked at, or purchased trees from, the Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot this year. We sold out early in the season....again!

SAVE THE DATE – SUPER SUB SALES COMING IN JANUARY Mark your calendars now for the annual Super Sub Sale by Boy Scout Troop 584. Sales will begin January 29 with orders due by February 6. Pickup will be after any service on February 12 and 13. More details and an order form are in the January newsletter.

ATTENTION USHERS The 2022 Usher Schedule is in your mail slot. Copies are also available in the usher's closet.

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS are in your mail slot.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mail slot if you have not picked yours up already. Envelopes for families with multiple boxes are on the Commons counter.

IS YOUR PICTURE IN OUR DIRECTORY YET? If it is, great! Thank you! If not, we would love for you to upload one soon. When your family gets together this Christmas, take a family photo. It will be perfect for our directory. Or find Sara Hopfer between services and she can take a photo for you. If you have a nice photo already, but can't upload it, it can be emailed to Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net. We want to have a directory that is as full as possible! The hope is to begin printing and distributing copies after the new year. But even after that, photos can still be added at any time.

ARE YOU MISSING YOUR COAT? We have a few stray coats on the coat rack in the Commons. If it is yours, please claim it. Thank you!

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB GAME NIGHT AND POTLUCK is Sunday, January 16, 2022, at Peace. Arrive at 5:00p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30p.m. Please bring one of the following: a main dish, side dish, or a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Tammy Goodman, no later than January 13. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING RESPONSE to the Coat Drive for St. John's Lutheran Church. Your generosity was wonderful! The coat drive is now over, and we will no longer be accepting coats at this time.

HOMEBOUND ENCOURAGEMENT CARD PROGRAM The life ministry team invites the congregation to take part in the homebound encouragement card program. The information is in a white basket on the Commons counter. Please take a manila envelope which contains a greeting card, poem, and an addressed envelope. Follow the directions on the manila envelope. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday, December 26: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class

Monday, December 27: 6:00 – Co-Ed Volleyball

Tuesday, December 28: 9:00 – Quilters
10:00 – Evangelism Meeting
6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball

Friday, December 31: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 – New Year’s Eve Worship Service

Saturday, January 1: 5:00 – Worship Service

Sunday, January 2: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 – Life Ministry

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Year’s Eve Service with Holy Communion
Friday, December 31, 2021 – 7:00p.m.

Epiphany Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, January 6, 2022 – 7:00p.m.