

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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

Rev. Robert M. Brown, Associate Pastor, 425-9568

The Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor Emeritus, 892-0888

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS JANUARY 2, 2022

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor *= Stand **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

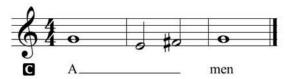


The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Opening Sentences

John 3:16; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 2:2

- **P** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **©** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.
- P This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Confession of Sins

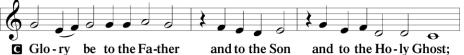
Romans 3:22b-25a, 6:23

- For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.
- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world we succumb to the thinking of this world which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.

*Absolution



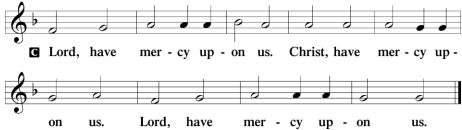




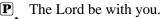


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

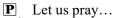




*Salutation and Collect of the Day









Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ 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. ⁵At 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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. ¹³I 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.

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

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In 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 ⁹making 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.

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- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



*Holy Gospel Luke 2:40–52

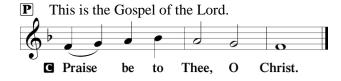
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] 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.



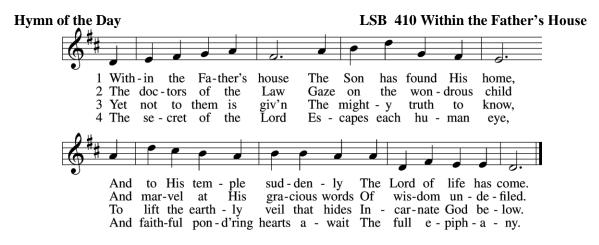
*Nicene Creed

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.



Sermon

"Sealed by God for God"

(Ephesians 1:3-14)

Sermon Notes:

Voluntary



*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.

Service of the Sacrament

*Preface P The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. P Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.



*Proper Preface

We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You 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 singing:



*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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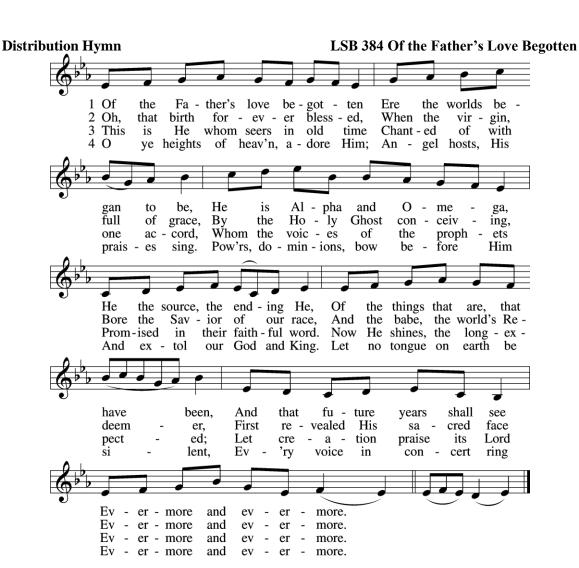
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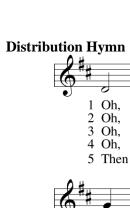
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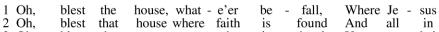
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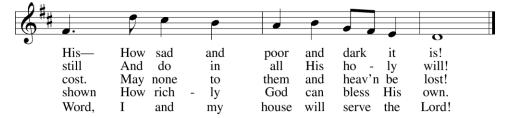


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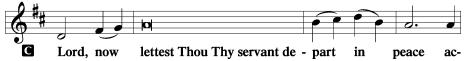


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*Nunc Dimittis





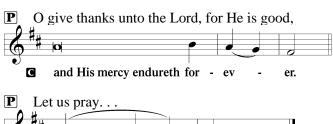






*The Dismissal

*Thanksgiving







*Benedicamus



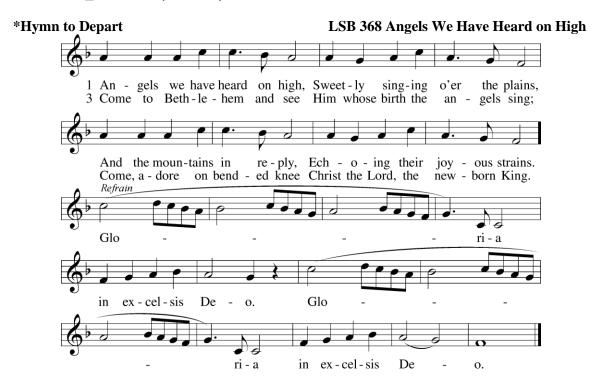
*Benediction

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.





*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: 5:00: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens; 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30: Alice Kastens

KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: W. Schuessler/B. Dressel/B. Uthoff Elders: 5:00: John Rastorfer, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Dan Saufnauer, Steve Shawcross; 9:20:

Aaron Baese, John Hooss; 10:30: Dave Carlson, John Hooss

Ushers: 5:00: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Dean Rahn;

8:00: Mike Renner, Vern Bollman, Tim Drier, Greg Hard, Joe Karasek, Mark Mullen, Doug Schlechte, Dale Watson; 9:20: Chris Hosty, Ben Lattina, Jeff Orf, Doug Verseman, Robert Wolff; 10:30: Jeff Nelson, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog,

Nathan Nelson, Luis Palma, Kyle Sandersfeld, Tom Willmering

Greeters: 8:00: Pamela & Frederick Sanders; 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton

Altar Comm: Marilyn and Lew Rosenbaum

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

<u>Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall)</u>: 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, JANUARY 2, 2022

<u>PART TIME POSITION FOR SCHOOL NURSE</u> 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.

<u>A TEACHER AIDE POSITION TO ASSIST JK3/GRADE 2</u> 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.

PLASTIC MAT MAKING will resume this Tuesday, January 4.

<u>FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK AT PEACE!</u> 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.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BEGIN</u> on Sunday, February 6, 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 or online on Peace's website.

<u>BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES</u>: Wednesday Evening Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 5. Sunday Evening Catechism Class resumes next Sunday, January 9.

<u>SAVE THE DATE – SUPER SUB SALES COMING LATER THIS MONTH</u> 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.

<u>ATTENTION USHERS</u> The Revised 2022 Usher Schedule has been emailed. If you prefer a hard copy, they are available in the usher's closet.

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

<u>IS YOUR PICTURE IN OUR DIRECTORY YET?</u> If it is, great! Thank you! If not, we would love for you to upload one soon. If you have a nice photo already, but can't upload it, it can be emailed to Sara Hopfer 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 soon for those who want one. But even after that, photos can still be added at any time.

<u>ARE YOU MISSING YOUR COAT?</u> 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, 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!

ELECTION INTEGRITY TOWN HALL MEETING will be Saturday, January 15, from noon to 1:30p.m. at Mehlville High School auditorium, 3200 Lemay Ferry Road, 63125. Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, election supervisors from St. Louis County and other elected officials will be present to answer your questions and concerns about this important issue.

<u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING RESPONSE</u> to the Coat Drive for St. John's Lutheran Church. Your generosity was wonderful. We were able to donate over 200 coats! The coat drive is now over, and we will no longer be accepting coats at this time.

<u>MANY THANKS FROM THE LIFE MINISTRY TEAM</u> to the congregation for their participation in the homebound card program. More to come in a few months.

<u>HOW DO I TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT JESUS?</u> Join us for the Lutheran Hour Ministries workshop "Spiritual Conversations" in the Fellowship Hall, Sundays, January 16, 23, and 30 from 12 noon to 1:15p.m. Pastor Brown will conduct the workshop which equips you to discern a friend's spiritual state and teaches you to adapt your conversation in a helpful way. Snacks will be served. Sign up on the sheets at the Commons Welcome Center.

<u>YOUNG ADULT GROUP POTLUCK</u> Saturday, January 8, at 6:30p.m. Please let Sarah Baese know if you are coming and if you would like to bring something. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets this Thursday morning at 6:00a.m.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday, January 2: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services 9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30 – Life Ministry Monday, January 3: 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00 - DASA Youth Basketball 6:30 – Church Council Tuesday, January 4: 9:00 – Quilters 9:00 – Plastic Mat Making 9:00 - Refit Exercise Class and Bible Study 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00 – Co-Ed Volleyball Wednesday, January 5: $4:00 - 5^{th} - 8^{th}$ Grade Junior Confirmation 6:30 - High School Youth 7:00 – Wednesday Evening Bible Study Thursday, January 6: 6:00 – Men's Morning Bible Study 9:00 – Mary/Martha Bible Class 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice 7:00 – Epiphany Worship Service Friday, January 7: 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00 – GP Youth Basketball 7:00 – Couples Club Board Meeting Saturday, January 8: 5:00 – Worship Service 6:30 – Young Adult Group Christmas Potluck 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services Sunday, January 9: 9:15 - Sunday School and Bible Class 2:00 – Middle School Youth - Tubing 7:00 – Catechism Bible Class



Join us Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00p.m.

Epiphany Worship Service with Holy Communion