

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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The Second Sunday after Christmas
The Order of Service
(Divine Service 3, p. 184ff.)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 362, "O Sing of Christ"



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
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.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
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
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
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.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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The Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

The Exhortation

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with
a true heart and confess our sins unto God

our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



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

LSB 186



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



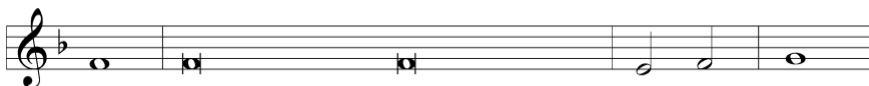
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



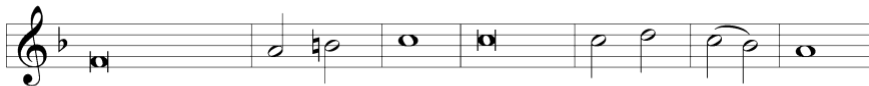
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



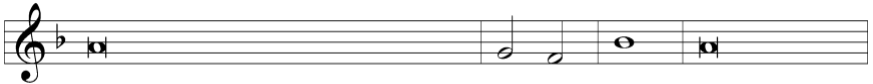
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



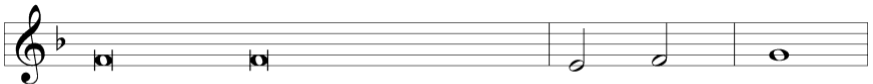
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:97-104

MEM

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your just decrees, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Verse

ALL: Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:40-52

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 373 "See Amid the Winter's Snow"



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
 2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
 3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
 4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
 Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain

Hail, O ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn!

Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

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The Sermon

The Offering (During the offering we will sing, LSB 384, "Of the Father's Love Begotten." Please stand for the final verse.)

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 spect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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The General Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Benediction

LSB 202

The Closing Hymn: LSB 900, "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
 4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
 For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
 When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
 Under all the mighty heav'n
 Whereby those to sin enslaved
 Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
 Human name of God above;
 Pleading only this, we flee
 Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: January 2 – 9

TODAY: 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship
Service w/ Holy Communion

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell

Friday: Pastor's Day off

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL.
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Bryan Ensing
Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski
Lector: Rick Schantz

Those who serve January 9:

Deacon: Jerry Talen
Ushers: Ben & Ashley Johnson
Lector: Amber Streeter

January Altar Guild: Cindy McAuliffe

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: 12/20, 12/24, 12/25, 12/26

General Fund	\$ 7,885.00
Lutheran Witness	11.60
Plate Collections	2,164.00
Rent – School	30.00
Music Fund – Shirley Genther Mem.	10,600.00
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Total:	\$20,690.60
On-line giving	110.00
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Total:	\$20,800.60

Dudes of St. James!

This Announcement is for you!



"Living a Balanced Life" will be the Bible study topic for the next men's Bible study breakfast. All men are invited! The next Bible study/breakfast is on **Saturday at 8:30 a.m.**



St. James' LWML will meet on **Sunday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Ladies, will

you join us as we are led in Bible Study by Marjie Weiss. The study, written by Diane Grebing, is entitled "Setting Our Focus". It promises to be a wonderful way to begin our year of study, fellowship, and service. We hope to see you there.

Is Anyone Interested in Coordinating a Vacation Bible School this summer?



It doesn't have to be a week-long morning event! We might consider other options like an evening VBS or a one day a week VBS for three or four weeks. If you are interested in being the VBS Coordinator, please speak with Pastor.

DORCAS GAME DAY! Join the ladies for a game day at St. James Lutheran Church on Thursday, **January 13th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ward at 616-957-2947.

Youth Meeting! There will be a Youth Meeting **next Sunday** at church from **3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** It is an "After the New Year's" Party. Bring a snack to pass, beverages provided and as always - Friends are welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Youth Director Kelsey Butler.