



# Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 2, 2022  
11:00 A.M.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.  
**Bold text indicates the congregational response.**

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the  
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. Wilbur Held

## ENTRANCE RITE

*We stand as we are able.*

Litany

P I bring you good news of great Joy.

**C For to us a child is born. To us a Son is given.**

P The angels of heaven sing with shouts of praise.

**C For to us a child is born. To us a Son is given.**

P Let us give thanks to the most high God.

**C For to us a child is born. To us a Son is given.**

Hymn 282

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18*



An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*

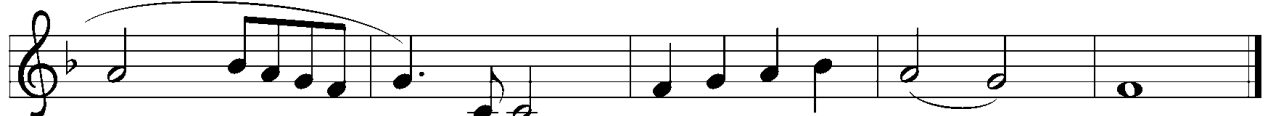


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*The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.*

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*We are seated.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.*

*The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.*

*A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading.*

*The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.*

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

L A reading from First Samuel.

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Hymn (based on Psalm 148)

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him*



1. Praise the Lord! O heavens, a - dore him; praise him, an-gels in the height.
2. In the earth let all things praise him: seas and all that they con - tain,
3. All you na-tions, come be - fore him: earth - ly rul-ers and all kings,



Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, shin - ing stars of light.  
storm - y winds that do his plea-sure, hail and light-ning, snow and rain.  
men and wom - en, par-ents, chil-dren, join with all cre - a - ted things.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo-ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed.  
Hills and moun-tains, praise your Mak-er; praise him, all you flocks and herds.  
Praise the God of our sal - va-tion, who re-stores from sin and shame.



Laws which nev - er shall be bro-ken for their guid-ance he has made.  
Fields and or-chards, sing his glo-ry; praise him, creep-ing things and birds.  
Heaven and earth and all cre-a-tion, praise and mag - ni - fy his name!

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

L A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe

yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

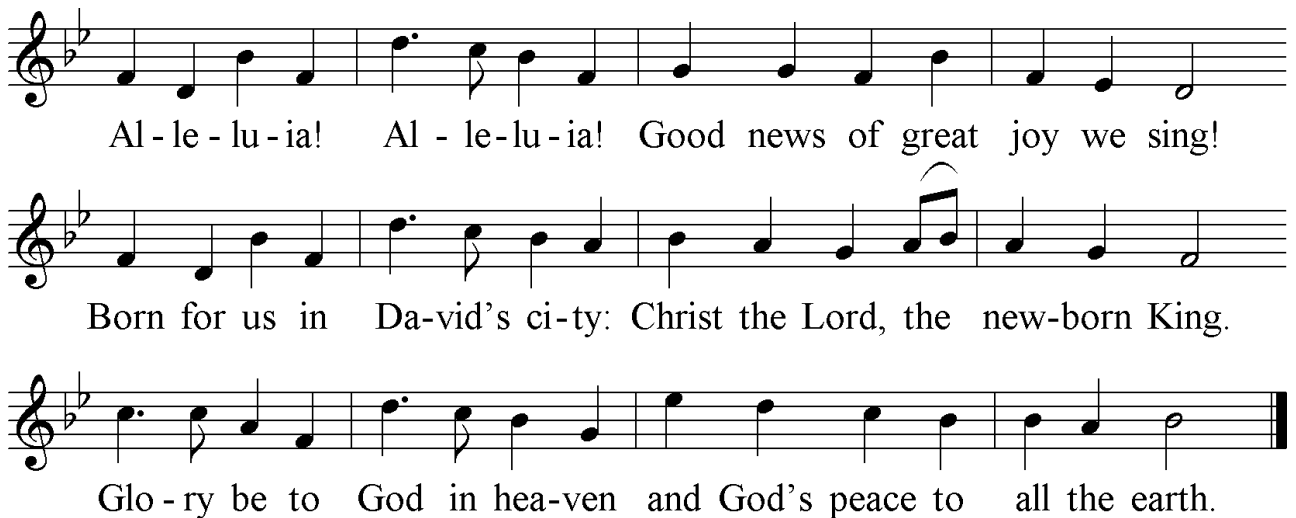
**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation is the congregation's response to the announcement and reading of the Holy Gospel. It gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.*

*We stand.*

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Good news of great joy we sing!

Born for us in Da-vid's ci-ty: Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Glo - ry be to God in hea-ven and God's peace to all the earth.

*The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.*

The Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search 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>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

*We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.*

Hymn 293

*That Boy-Child of Mary*

*This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.*

*The Nicene Creed (which begins, "We believe..." is a statement of faith which dates to the fourth and fifth centuries.*

The Creed

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

*Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

*Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.*

*As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.*

## The Prayers



*Each petition concludes:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



### The Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another from our pews, saying "Peace be with you."*

### The Offering

#### Offertory Hymn

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,

*We stand and sing stanza 4 as our gifts are brought forward.*

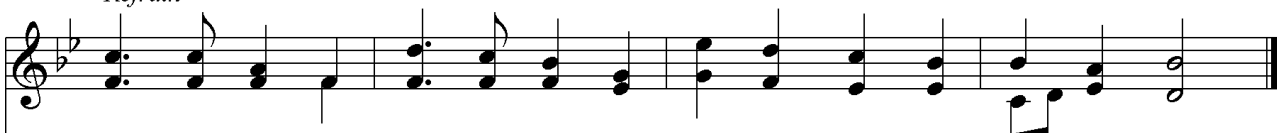
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, he shall fill his Fa-ther's throne,



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
God with us is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scen - ding, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
ga - ther all the na - tions to him; ev - 'ry knew shall then bow down.



#### Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.



*Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.*

*The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.*

*The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.*

*The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.*

## Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God,

**C** **your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.**  
**As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,**  
**prepare us to receive the grace and truth**  
**you offer at this table**  
**and renew in us the song of your salvation,**  
**in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

## Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Proper Preface

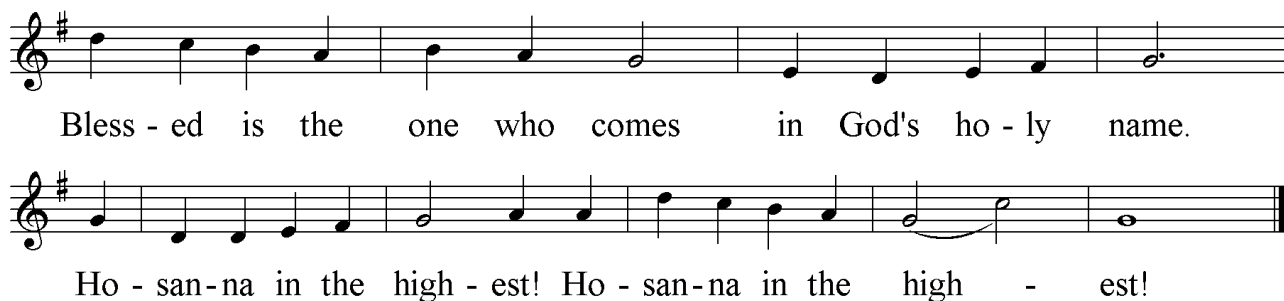
*The presiding minister continues:* "It is indeed right ..."

*The proper preface concludes:* "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Your glo - ry fills heav'n and earth. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



*The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, creator of all  
and source of life.

By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people  
to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us,  
his death and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, held and nourished by you,  
we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

C Amen



*The Lord's Prayer  
brings the Great  
Thanksgiving to a  
conclusion.*

*Prayed here, this  
familiar and be-  
loved prayer be-  
comes the table-  
prayer of the con-  
gregation. Luke  
11:1-13; Matthew  
6:5-15*

*Once we have all  
received the sac-  
rament and re-  
turned to our  
seats, we celebrate  
the personal en-  
counter with the  
risen Christ  
through blessing,  
prayer, and sing-  
ing.*

## The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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,**

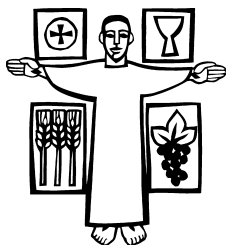
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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**

*We are seated.*



**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD  
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, forming two lines to receive communion in front of the chancel steps. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



## Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen**

## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Wondrous God,

**C** **We thank you for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.**

**As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## Blessing

**P** May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you  
in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with  
the light of his holiness.

**C** **Amen**

**P** May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth,  
fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**C** **Amen**

**P** May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to  
heaven, give you his peace and favor.

**C** **Amen**

**P** And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**C** **Amen**

## Hymn

## The First Noel



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star, three wise men  
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keep - ing their  
 east be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in -  
 to our heav'n - ly Lord, who hath made heav'n and earth of



sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No -  
 - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 nought, and with His blood our life hath bought.



el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*We are dismissed  
 from worship  
 knowing that our  
 service does not  
 end. Rather, hav -  
 ing been in the  
 presence of the  
 risen Lord, we  
 leave so that our  
 service may truly  
 begin.*

## Dismissal

P Go in peace, Christ is born!

C Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

arr. Edwin C. Johnson



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*Praise the Lord, O Heavens Adore Him*—text: Psalm 148, st. 1 vers. *Foundling Hospital Collection*, 1796, alt., st 2-3 vers. *Psalter*, 1912; music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt.

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*—text: James Montgomery; music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart.

*The First Noel*—text: English traditional; music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional.