

**Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 2, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service**

**...ALL WHO  
HEARD HIM  
WERE**

**AMAZED....**

LUKE 2:47

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'***



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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Divine Service – Setting One  
January 2, 2022 10:30 a.m.

### *Welcome & Announcements*

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 151*

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

**L** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C** Amen.

# Opening Hymn

LSB 395 sts. 1-4

## “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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## *Stand*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 151*

**L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)*

**L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. *John 20:19-23*

**L** In the mercy of almighty *LSB 151*  
God, Jesus Christ was given  
to die for us, and for His sake God forgives  
us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus  
Christ He gives the power to become the  
children of God and bestows on them the  
Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun  
this good work in us, bring it to completion  
in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 152*

### **Introit**

*Ps. 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon John 1:1-4*

**L** The Word became flesh and dwelt  
among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

**☐** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**☐** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**☐** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

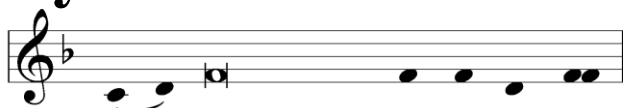
**☐** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**☐ ☐** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**L** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Kyrie

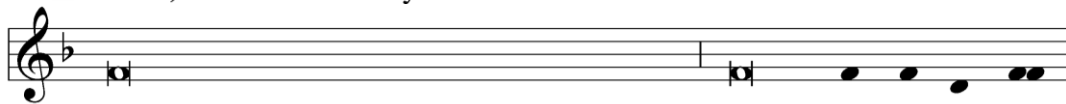
*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



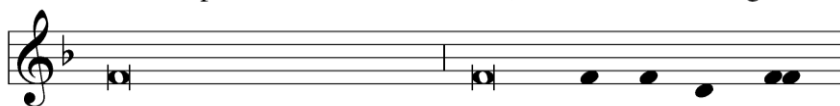
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

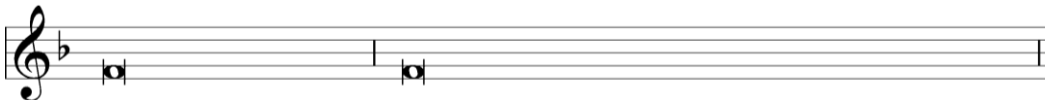


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





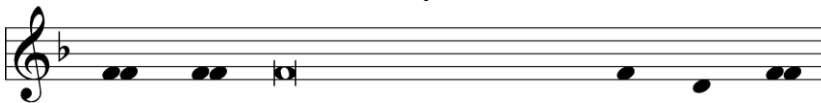
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## *Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** 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.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**    *1 Kings 3:4-15*

4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

6 Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7 “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honor – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” 15 Then Solomon awoke – and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

**A C** 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. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

## **Epistle Reading**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which

he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.



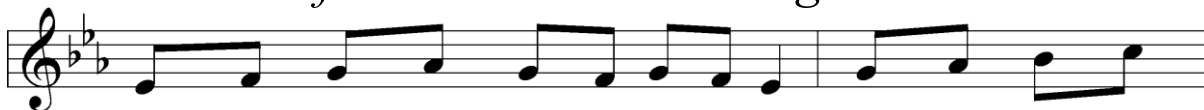
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise*

*LSB 384 sts. 1-5*

*“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*



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  
△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  
 pect - 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.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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## *Stand*

# Alleluia and Verse *John 6:68, LSB 156*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:40-52*

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on

for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them

questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they did not

understand what he was saying to them.  
 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 410 sts. 1-6*

*“Within the Father’s House”*



1	With-in	the	Fa-ther's	house	The	Son	has	found	His	home,
2	The	doc-tors	of	the	Law	Gaze	on	the	won-drous	child
3	Yet	not	to	them	is	giv'n	The	might-y	truth	to
4	The	se-cret	of	the	Lord	Es-cap	es	each	hu-man	eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.  
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

△ 6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**

*(on screen)*

**“The Infinite God in a Finite Child”**

*Stand*

**Apostles’ Creed**

*LSB 157*

**☐ ☐ 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.**

**Prayer of the Church** *LSB 159*

**℟** Let us pray to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places and who promises to hear our prayers.

*Brief silence*



**L** Heavenly Father, You have called us to bear witness to Your infinite light and life having come to us in the infant child Jesus. Cause us to lift our voices in recognition of You having come to us as this Child and yet also as the Man who suffered and bore our sins to the cross. May we ever rejoice in Your divine patience goodness and righteousness granted to all who trust in Jesus name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Heavenly Father, You placed Your own Son into an earthly family and allowed Joseph and Mary the privilege of raising Him as He grew and became strong. Comfort those who desire children

but have not received that gift. Grant them Your peace. Fill those who have been given children with joy. Guide us to be faithful parents who provide for our children, care for their needs and teach them to know Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

**L** Heavenly Father, like King Solomon, the rulers of our nation need Your help, Your wisdom and Your guidance. Give them understanding minds. Enable them to do what is just and right. Embolden them to defend life, to punish wrongdoing and to encourage all that is good. Protect our leaders from harm, and grant them fulfillment in their work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Heavenly Father, watch over those who work to protect our lives and defend our liberties. Grant courage and skill to first responders and to those in our military, and care for their children and families, especially when they are deployed or in danger. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Heavenly Father, grant Your care, comfort and healing to all who mourn and to those who are sick or suffering , especially those on our prayer list and prayer cards. Fill each of them with a confident trust in Your mercy, and teach us all to look expectantly to the day when

You will grant us permanent healing.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Heavenly Father, because we, by Your grace, have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of our salvation, and believed in Christ, we commend to You ourselves, our loved ones and all for whom we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

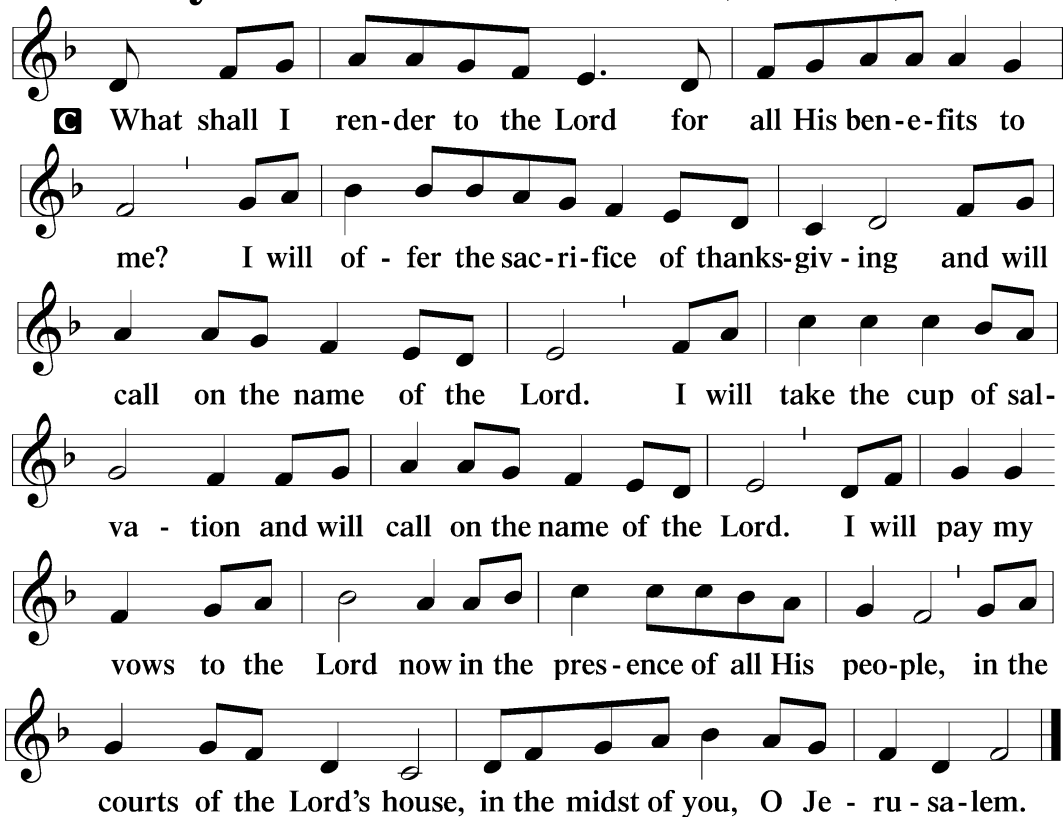
**C** Amen.

## **Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to*

*God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

**Offertory**      *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 159*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

## **Lord's Prayer** *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162*

**L** 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.**

# Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 166*

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

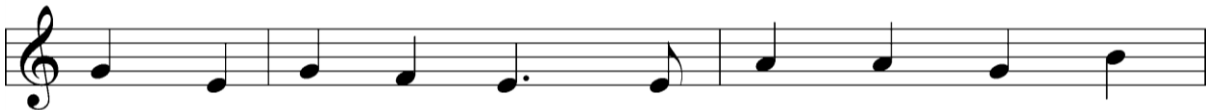
*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 385 sts. 1-5*

## *“From East to West”*



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
△5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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