



THE CHILD GREW...
AND  THE
**FAVOR OF
GOD**
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2026

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, 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 communicant 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.

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P = Pastor

* = Stand

△ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza

C = Congregation

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 384 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'r's, 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.

***Invocation**

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

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

A _____ men

Baptism of Ava Nancy Schweiss (10:30)

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Daughter of Jacob Patrick and Courtney Trube Schweiss

Sponsors: Hannah Schweiss, Tim Bacich, Dana Bacich

***Psalm**

Psalm 119:97–104

P Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

P I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C For Your testimonies are my meditation.

P I understand more than the aged,

C For I keep Your precepts.

P I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your word.

C I do not turn aside from Your just decrees, for You have taught me.

P How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C Therefore I hate every false way.

*Confession

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

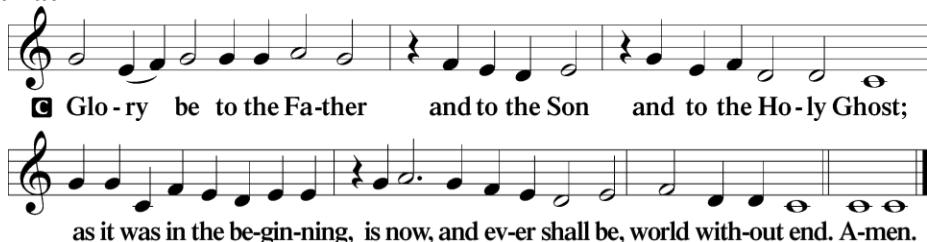
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.**

*Absolution



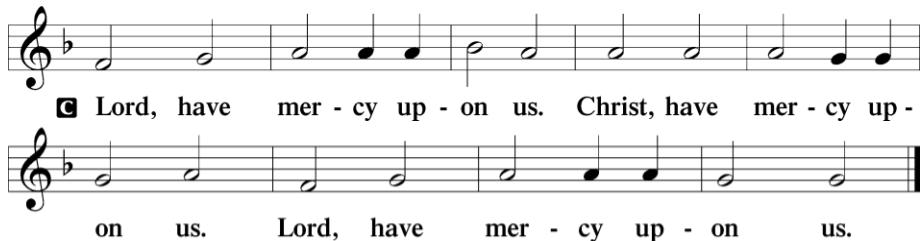
C A _____ men.

*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

I 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. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶ And 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. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ And 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. ⁹ Give 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?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And 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, ¹² behold, 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. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵ And 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

³ 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, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ 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, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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,¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



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

*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Nicene Creed

C 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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 410 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 know,
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es - capes 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

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

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

***Offertory**

C Create 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you." The "Lord" is on a single note, "be with" is on two notes, and "you" is on two notes.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts." The "Lift up" is on two notes, "your" is on two notes, and "hearts" is on two notes.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God." The "Let us" is on two notes, "give" is on two notes, "thanks" is on two notes, "unto" is on two notes, "the" is on two notes, "Lord" is on two notes, "our" is on two notes, and "God" is on two notes.

*Proper Preface

*Sanctus

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." The "Holy" is on two notes, "holy" is on two notes, "holy" is on two notes, "Lord" is on two notes, "God" is on two notes, "of" is on two notes, "Sabaoth" is on two notes, "heav'n" is on two notes, "and" is on two notes, "earth" is on two notes, "full" is on two notes, "of" is on two notes, "Thy" is on two notes, "glory" is on two notes, "Hosanna" is on two notes, "hosanna" is on two notes, "hosanna" is on two notes, "in" is on two notes, "the" is on two notes, "highest" is on two notes, "Blessed" is on two notes, "is" is on two notes, "He" is on two notes, "Blessed" is on two notes, "is" is on two notes, "He" is on two notes, "Blessed" is on two notes, "is" is on two notes, "He" is on two notes, "that" is on two notes, "cometh" is on two notes, "in" is on two notes, "the" is on two notes, "name" is on two notes, "of" is on two notes, "the" is on two notes, "Lord" is on two notes, "Hosanna" is on two notes, "in" is on two notes, "the" is on two notes, "highest" is on two notes.

*The Words of Our Lord

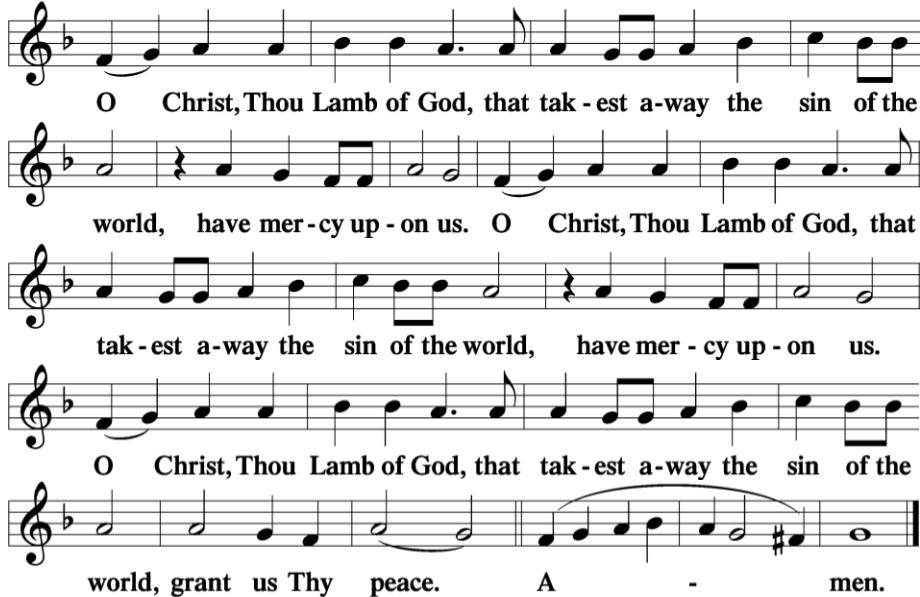
*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

*Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

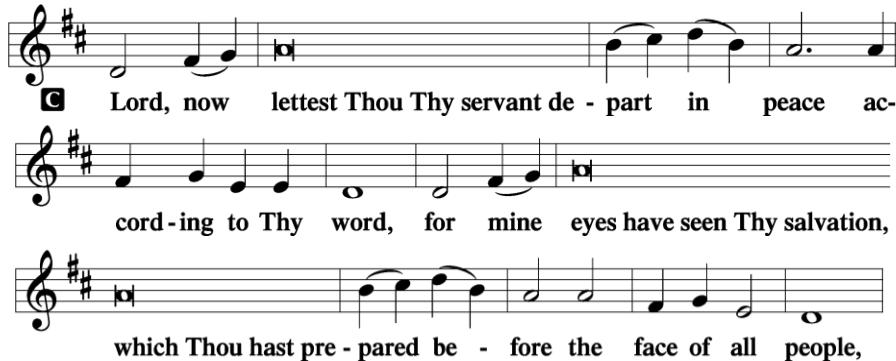
Distribution Hymns

LSB 376 Once In Royal David's City

LSB 523 O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

*Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 people Is - rael. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

***Thanksgiving**

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

***Benedicamus**

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \ddagger give you peace.

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

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 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.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: M. Thiel/A. Hopfer/L. Palma

Elders: 5:00: Alan Hopfer, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Rick Goodman;

9:20: Mark Dowell, Greg Wirtel; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, John Hooss

Ushers: 5:00: Team #15 – Steve Kienstra, Captain; 8:00: Team #4 – Dan Prange, Captain;

9:20: Team #10 – Jim Maschhoff, Captain; 10:30: Team #7 – Bryan Dressel, Captain

Acolytes: 5:00: Lena Beutelmann; 8:00: Raegan Orf; 10:30: Henry Wildman, Hayden Wolaver

Altar Committee: Jeanne Hooss and Karen Campbell