

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020



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(Wisconsin Synod)

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WORSHIP NOTES Have you ever gotten a gift that you didn't need? Or want? Of course, we all have had this experience... but it can be leveraged to sense the deeper meaning of Christ's coming and his gift within us. In Colossians we learn how our attention to him will result in a heartfelt response of thankfulness and peace. Here is the real present of Christmas! In him we have a new and much better life.

VERSE OF THE DAY "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . . and be thankful."

(Colossians 3:15)

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord Jesus the Christ, in your coming as a child you demonstrated divine love and proved that our God's Word is true. Confirm our faith in your truth and love; and empower us to live out Christian truth and love, to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



OPENING HYMN "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (p.8)

CW, # 26

ORDER OF SERVICE Service of the Word (from CW, p. 38)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

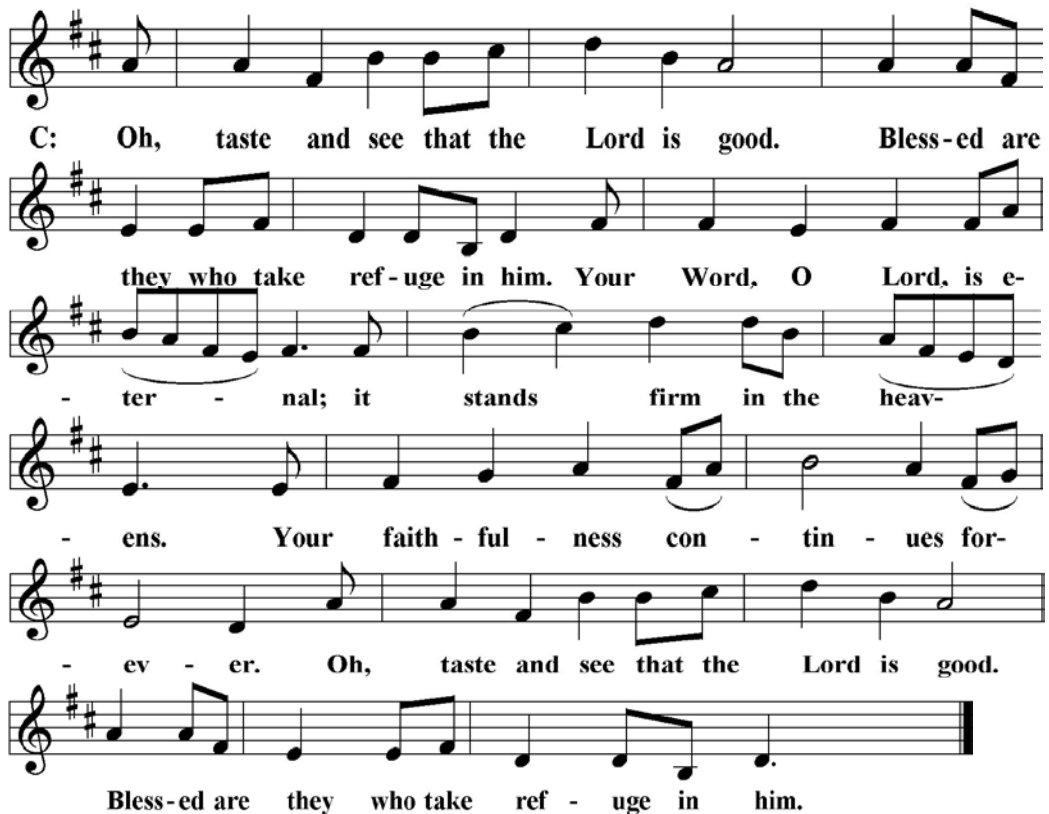
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are
they who take ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-
- ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav-
- ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for-
- ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus the Christ, in your coming as a child you demonstrated divine love and proved that our God's Word is true. Confirm our faith in your truth and love; and empower us to live out Christian truth and love, to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON**Isaiah 45:20-25**

The Lord reveals himself as the God who fulfills prophecy and attributes the righteousness Jesus lived to sinners.

“Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.’” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY**Psalm 111** sung in unison

(p.9)

SECOND LESSON**Colossians 3:12-17**

Children of God reflect his love in their lives, forgiving as God has forgiven us, sharing his grace through his Word, and expressing their gratitude to God for all his blessings.

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY AND ALLELUIA

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

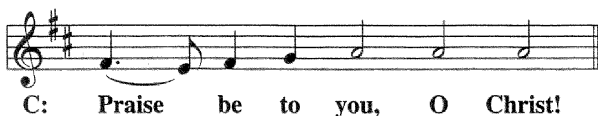


GOSPEL **Luke 2:25-40**

Among the witnesses to the miracle of Jesus' coming were two committed believers in the Lord's promises, Simeon and Anna. Their testimony, inspired by the Holy Spirit, assures of the salvation that the Son of God came to accomplish.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



SERMON**Colossians 3:12-17**

“Relish This Christmas Present”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYERS OF AND FOR GOD’S PEOPLE**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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice”

(p.7)

CW, #64

THE BLESSING



C: A - men.

HYMN

"Once In Royal David's City"

(p.11)

CW # 50, vs 3-4

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMEMNTS

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for he was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us and be near us.

Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son has giv - en.
That with him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

Text: *Ander Theil Des Dressdenischen GesangBuchs*, Dresden, 1632;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: *Ander Theil Des Dressdenischen GesangBuchs*, Dresden, 1632, alt.

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Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall

realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

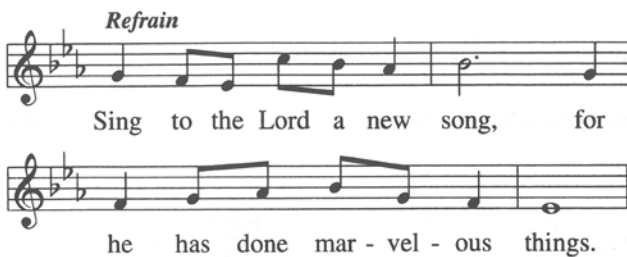
Low - ly came on earth to die, Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 ev - er sing - ing Till the dawn of end - less day.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, abr., alt.
 Tune: *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698

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Psalm 111



Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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.**

Refrain

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Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.

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Once in Royal David's City

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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3 But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own re-
 4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the ox - en

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a
 Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his
 deem - ing love, For that child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our
 stand - ing by Shall we see him, but in heav - en, Set at

man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; With the poor and mean and
 Lord in heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren
 God's right hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 on To the place where he is gone.
 crowned, All in white, his praise will sound.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95, abr., alt.
 Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-76

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/27)	8:00	AM	Worship Service
	10:30	AM	Worship Service
Thursday	6:00	PM	New Year's Eve Service w/Communion
Sunday (1/3)	8:00	AM	Worship Service W/Communion
	9:15	AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	AM	Worship Service W/Communion

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Micah 5:2-5a
Second Lesson	Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel	John 7:40-43
Psalm	Psalm 148

Livestream on YouTube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday

This service is also recorded for review after livestream.

Link on our website (see below).

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**"CHRISTMAS JOY
THAT LINGERS"**

Service Theme

PASTOR

Mark Wagner

KEYBOARD

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VOCALISTS

Annette Favorite &
Deanna Edwards

VIOLINIST

Alyssa Pautz

HYMNS

26, 707, 64, 50:3-4

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:20-25

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:25-40

THE SERMON

Colossians 3:12-17

**"Relish This
Christmas Present"**
