



# OUR SAVIOR'S

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas – December 26, 2021



**All who heard him  
were amazed...**

Luke 2:47, NRSV

## **WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S**

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.*

## **BEFORE COMMUNION**

*Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.*

## **AFTER COMMUNION**

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Usher – Bill Unruh (Next Sunday – Dan Stelzer)

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## THE COMMON SERVICE, P. 15

### OPENING HYMN – 62

### Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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

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

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

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

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## **FIRST LESSON – 1 Samuel 2:18–20,26**

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to<sup>[a]</sup> the LORD.” Then they would go home. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD. <sup>22</sup> Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>23</sup> So he said to them, “Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. <sup>24</sup> No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the LORD’s people is not good. <sup>25</sup> If one person sins against another, God<sup>[b]</sup> may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?” His sons, however, did not listen to their father’s rebuke, for it was the LORD’s will to put them to death. <sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

## SECOND LESSON – *Hebrews 2:10-18*

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## VERSE OF THE DAY – *Colossians 3:15a*

**M:** Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.



## GOSPEL LESSON – *Luke 2:41-52*

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> 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."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

This is the Gospel of our Lord.





## NICENE CREED

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY - 41      Let All Together Praise Our God

1 Let all together praise our God Before his highest throne;  
Today he opens heav'n again And gives us his own Son,  
And gives us his own Son.

2 He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.

3 He veils in flesh his pow'r divine A servant's form to take;  
In want and lowliness must die Who heav'n and earth did make,  
Who heav'n and earth did make.

4 A wondrous change which he does make:  
He takes our flesh and blood,  
And he conceals for sinners' sake His majesty as God,  
His majesty as God.

5 He serves that I a lord may be—A great exchange indeed!  
Could Jesus' love do more for me To help me in my need,  
To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door Of paradise today.  
The angel guards the gate no more; To God our thanks we pay,  
To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

## SERMON

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



## DISTRIBUTION HYMN— 53

1 To shepherds as they watched by night  
Appeared a host of angels bright;  
“Behold the tender babe,” they said,  
“In yonder lowly manger laid,

2 “At Bethlehem, in David’s town,  
As Micah did of old make known.  
It is the Christ, your Lord and King,  
Who will to all salvation bring.”

3 Oh, then rejoice that through his Son  
God is with sinners now at one;  
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,  
Your brother is th’ eternal God.

4 What harm can sin and death then do?  
The true God now abides with you.  
Let hell and Satan storm and rave,  
Christ is your brother—you are safe.

5 Not one he will or can forsake;  
His cov'nant he will never break.  
Let ev'ry scheme the tempter try,  
You may his utmost pow'rs defy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.  
God's own you are; you cannot fail.  
To God forever sing your praise  
With joy and patience all your days.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

### *Song of Simeon*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**M:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



1 We all believe in one true God,  
Who created earth and heaven,  
The Father, who to us in love  
Has the right of children given.  
He in soul and body feeds us;  
All we need his hand provides us.  
He through snares and perils leads us,  
Watching that no harm betides us.  
He cares for us by day and night;  
All things are governed by his might.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
His own Son, our Lord, possessing  
An equal Godhead, throne and might,  
Source of ev'ry grace and blessing,  
Born of Mary, virgin mother,  
By the power of the Spirit,  
Made true man, our elder brother,  
That the lost might life inherit,  
Was crucified by sinful men  
And raised by God to life again.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who, sweet hope and comfort giving,  
Now with the Father and the Son In eternal light is living,  
Who the Church, his own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit;  
Here forgiveness and salvation  
Daily come through Jesus' merit.  
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be  
In bliss with God eternally.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us!  
May God richly bless your week.*



## This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

<b>Today (12/26)</b>	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion
<b>Sunday 1/2</b>	10:30 AM	Worship
<b>Monday 1/3</b>		School resumes

**Pastoral Call** Our Savior's issued a divine call to Pastor Mark Jacobson. He currently serves at Grace, Glendale AZ. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where he may best serve our Lord.

**Asleep in Jesus** On Monday the Lord in his love and mercy called home to heaven the soul of Ron Woelfle. A Christian funeral service will be held in January. May God comfort Myrt, Wade & Diana, and family and friends. Blessed be his memory.

**Memorials** We thank Tony & Deb Sulko for their gift given in memory of Violette Clark.

We thank David & Kelly Schultz for their gifts given in memory of Violette Clark, Gordon Schubring, Rev. Russel Kobs, and David Aklam.

*Blessed be their memories.*

*Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

**2022 Offering Envelopes** Pick up your envelopes today in the office link. Please do not use these envelopes until January since your number may have changed. Thank you!

### **In the Narthex:**

- Forward in Christ
- Meditations
- Portals of Prayer
- 2022 God's Creation Calendars

## Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: December 19, 2021

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Advent</u>	<u>Chr Eve</u>	<u>Chr Day</u>
\$4,040.00	\$490.00	\$535.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$85.00
<u>NY Eve</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>OS School</u>	
\$25.00	\$386.01	\$25.00	\$275.00	\$550.00	
<u>Chr Gifts/Bags</u>	<u>OS Teachers</u>	<u>Hymnals</u>	<u>School Fees</u>		
\$60.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$894.00		

**Attendance:** Sunday Worship – 154, online – 85    Total = 239



*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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