



After three days they
found him in the temple,
sitting among the
teachers, listening to
them and asking them
questions.
Luke 2:46

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Second Sunday of Christmas
Jan. 2, 2022



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Jan. 6, 2022 – Feast of the Epiphany @ 12:30 pm
Jan 9, 2022 – Baptism of Our Lord

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Lee Mills
Crucifer –
Acolyte –
Lector – Lee Mills
Ushers – Ken & Joan Hollinger
Musician – Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild – Kandi Null
Sound Technician – John Null
Offering Counters –
Livestream – Mark Wisler
Kris Brill

**Dec. 24, 2021
ATTENDANCE – 42**

**Dec. 26, 2021
ATTENDANCE - 27**

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor



Although he never left Germany, Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, born in Fuerth in 1808, had a profound impact on the development of Lutheranism in North America. Serving as pastor in the Bavarian village of Neuendettelsau, he recognized the need for workers in developing lands and assisted in training emergency helpers to be sent as missionary pastors to North America, Brazil, and Australia. A number of the men he sent to the United States became founders of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Through his financial support, a theological school was established in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a teachers' institute in Saginaw, Mich. Loehe was known for his confessional integrity and his interest in liturgy and catechetics. His devotion to works of Christian charity led to the establishment of a deaconess training house and homes for the aged.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Hanging of the Greens*

C. E. Walz

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b;[18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen

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
 Δ 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.
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Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, sts. 1-4, alt.;
 tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, st. 5
 Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V; setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944, alt.

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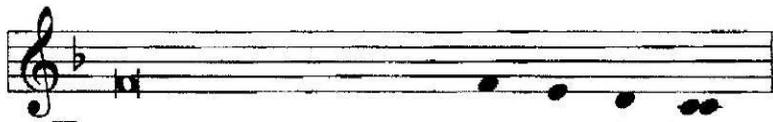
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1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:8; John 1:1; Phil. 2:11

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.**



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



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

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king {Solomon} went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Lord, what love I have for your law; all the day long I meditate on it.

⁹⁸ **You, through your commandment, have made me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than my teachers,
for your testimonies are my study.

¹⁰⁰ **I am wiser than the agéd, because I keep your commandments.**

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

¹⁰² **I have not turned aside from your judgments,
for you yourself have taught me.**

¹⁰³ O how sweet are your words to my taste;
indeed, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴ **Through your commandments I get understanding;
therefore I hate all evil ways.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness

sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright

cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text: German, 16th cent., sts. 1-2, 4; Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808-59, st. 3;
 tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2, alt.; tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845-1925, st. 3;
 tr. John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Tune: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599; setting: Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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Is. 11:1-2; Matt. 1:20-21; Heb. 2:14-15; Luke 2:1-18.

NICENE CREED

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

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

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – Stand in place and greet at a distance

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -
joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has blest us on our
way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

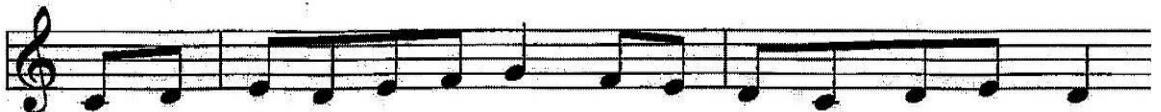
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



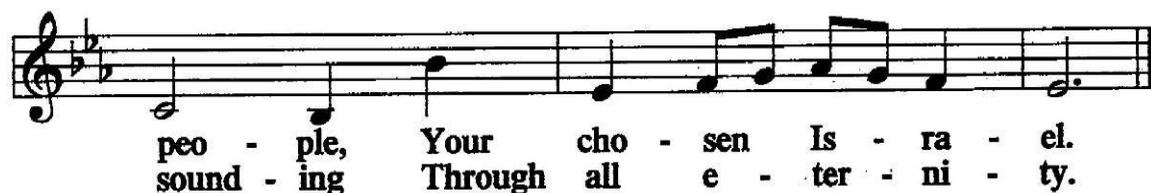
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen

The First Noel

There were shepherds . . . in the fields . . . keeping watch over their flocks. Luke 2:8

1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be -
 3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from
 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
 yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
 coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
 took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right
 on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
 heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

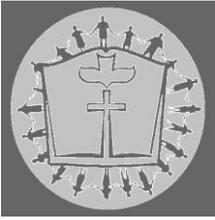
cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 with His blood man - kind hath bought.

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

TEXT: Traditional English carol
 MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
 Irregular meter

AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

HASHING OUT THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings.



COFFEE TIME



Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School started on Sunday, October 3rd 10:30 – 11:30 am. We will have two groups.

Children toddlers-kindergarten age will meet in nursery room for Parents and Me class led by Melissa Cuff. We will have playtime while the adults have fellowship. Followed by a Bible story and age appropriate activity.



Older group will meet in the library upstairs. This will be led by Judi Reeder and Crystal Lepley.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to help/teach once or twice a month. Lessons will be prepared for volunteers in advance.

Any questions please see Melissa, Judi or Crystal.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP JAN. 6TH AT 12:30 PM

Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas celebration as we remember God's revelation of His Word made flesh to all nations. He led the wise men from the east with a guiding star to honor and worship the child Jesus. Our worship will be a service of the Word.



2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!



The 2022 giving envelopes have arrived and have been placed in your mailboxes in the back hallway at church.

LUNCH BUNCH

January Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, January 11. We will meet at church at 10:30 and have lunch at Longhorn Restaurant at 11:30.



LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE



The Luther Lager League for men will meet at Jeff Schaum's home at 4150 Marietta Ave. in Columbia at 6:00 pm on Jan. 16th. All men are welcome for a relaxed time of sharing food and fellowship in Christ. Contact Pr. Mark or Jeff if you are planning to attend.

Sanctity of Life



January has become the month when the Church and many in our country focus on the sanctity of human life. This has come about

because of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973, and the continuing fight to reverse that decision.

Here at Reformation, you will be given a number of opportunities to help support our belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

- On January 21, 2022, you are invited to attend the NALC Life Conference at Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpeper, VA.
- On January 22, 2022, you are invited to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC
- On January 30, 2022, you are invited to hear Nyla Martin from Align Life Ministries speak during the Sunday school hour about the pro-life pregnancy services that Align offers.

You will hear more specifics about each of these opportunities in the next two weeks.

We will be keeping all these upcoming events in our weekly prayers and especially Align Life Ministries with whom we partner financially. In addition, we want to keep the Supreme Court Justices in our prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide them to glorify God in their decision in the Mississippi Abortion Case of Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's House Organization.

Please keep all these in your daily prayers also. Thank you!

CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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