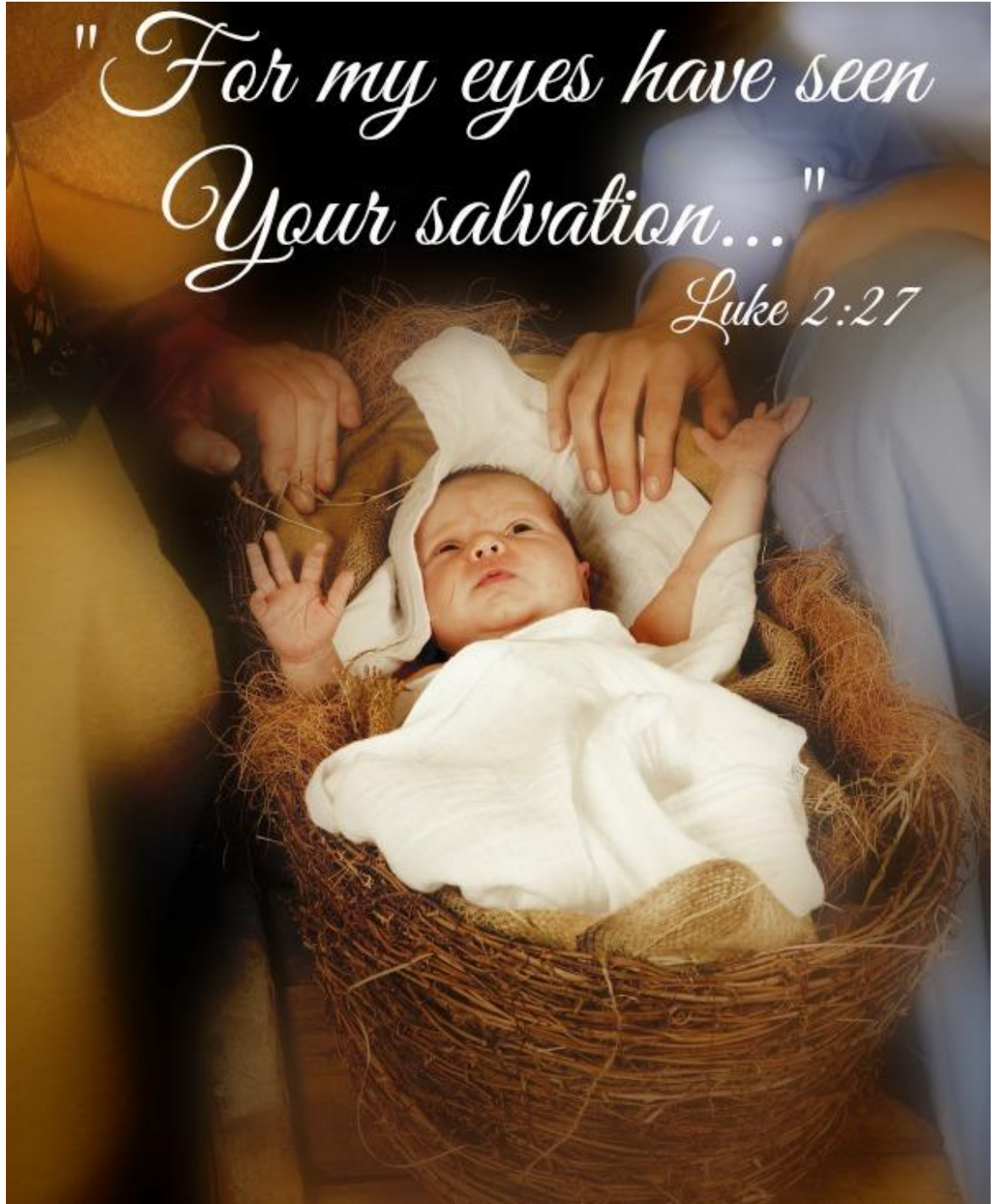




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**Sunday, December 26, 2021  
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service**

***Welcome to all of our visitors!  
We sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.***

**Those Serving Today**

**Pastor: *William Smith***

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by Dawn and Dave Lindsey**

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

# “THE EYES OF SALVATION”

First Sunday after Christmas  
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

PRELUDE 

## WELCOME

**P: O Lord, open my lips.**

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

## OPENING HYMN

**“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”**

**LSB-386** (vs 1-2)

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice; He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies; Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee. Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child; Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild, Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen

**P: 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

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

**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.

**P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

C: Amen

## KYRIE

**P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.**

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

**P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**

C: Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast”**

**L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT**

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

C: And also with you.

**P: Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

## **EXODUS 13:1-3a, 11-15**

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 111

- <sup>1</sup> **Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my / whole heart**, in the company of the upright, in the congre- / gation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great are the works / of the LORD**, studied by all who de- / light in them.
- <sup>3</sup> **Full of splendor and majesty / is his work**, and his righteousness endures for- / ever.
- <sup>4</sup> **He has caused his wondrous works to be re- / membered**; the LORD is gracious and / merciful.
- <sup>5</sup> **He provides food for those who / fear him**; he remembers his covenant for- / ever.
- <sup>6</sup> **He has shown his people the power / of his works**, in giving them the inheritance of the / nations.
- <sup>7</sup> **The works of his hands are faith- / ful and just**; all his precepts are / trustworthy;
- <sup>8</sup> **they are established forever and / ever**, to be performed with faithfulness and up- / rightness.
- <sup>9</sup> **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- / ever**. Holy and awesome / is his name!
- <sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- / standing**. His praise endures for- / ever!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit; as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT

## COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P: The Holy Gospel according to...LUKE 2:22-40**

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to

the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

***Please Be Seated***

## **SERMON HYMN**

**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

**LSB-388**

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*

**SERMON** "He has done great things for me"

***Please Stand***

## **PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

*Please Be Seated*

## **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & GOD'S PEOPLE**

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer (*said after each group of prayers*)

**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.

## **SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS** (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

*In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus' example may receive Holy Communion.*

*You may receive the wine from the individual cup.*

*Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.*

## **PREFACE**

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

C: And also with you.

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

**P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:**

## **SANCTUS**                      **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**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.”**

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **THE 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.

## **PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

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

**C:** And also with you. Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"**

**C:** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **"In His Temple Now Behold Him" LSB-519**

In His temple now behold Him, see the long expected Lord; ancient prophets had foretold Him, God has now fulfilled His word. Now to praise Him, His redeemed shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore Him, virgin pure, behold Him lie while His aged saints adore Him ere in perfect faith they die. Alleluia, alleluia! Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"**

**C:** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



## **BENEDICTION**

**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.**

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”**

**LSB-670**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
“Alleluia!” Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs, virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs: Alleluia,  
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: Alleluia!” Thou  
bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!”

**POSTLUDE** 

### **Reminders:**

- First Sundays Meeting is next Sunday (Jan 2) after service

**No Birthdays this week**

### **Those Serving Next Week:**

**Ushers: Dave Peterson and Janice Ulrich**

**Altar Guild: Irene Richardson and Dawn Lindsey**