

## Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

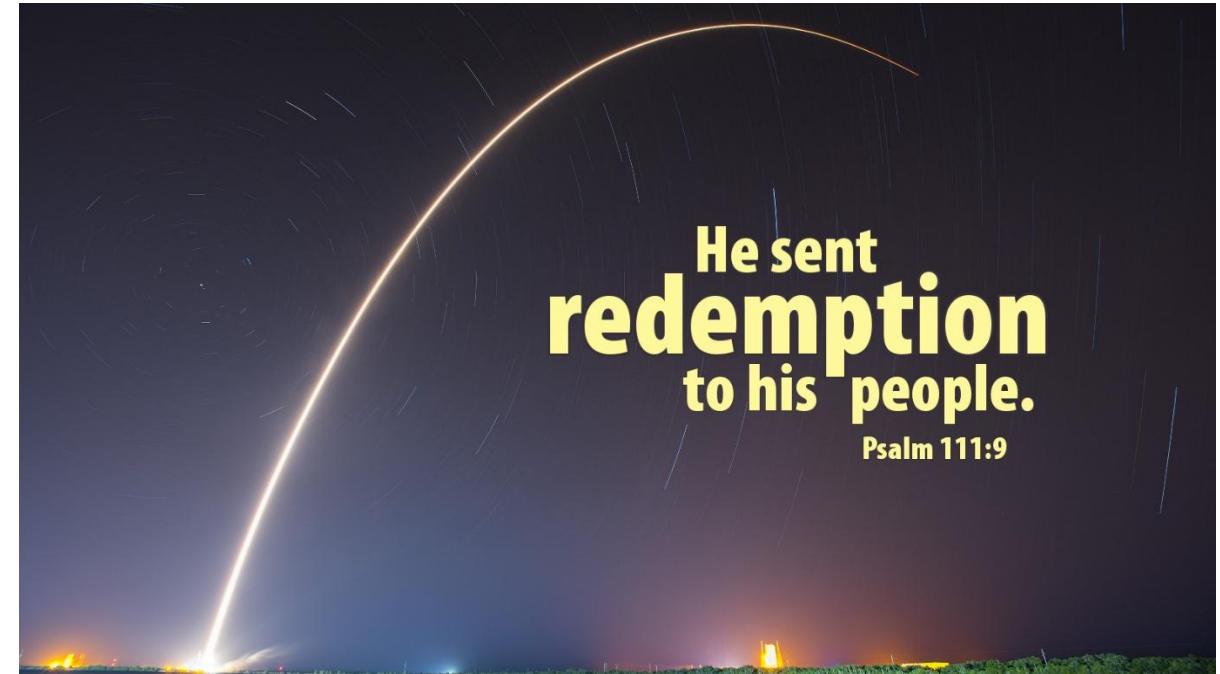
<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup>When {the wise men} had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

### Lessons for Next Week

1 Kings 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97-104; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52



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**The Order of Word and Sacrament**  
**First Sunday After Christmas December 28, 2025**

Prelude, Announcements

(please stand when indicated by \*)

**We Gather**

*Opening Hymn	<i>"The First Noel"</i>	LBW #56
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....	LBW p. 77	
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*Salutation & Prayer of the Day.....	p. 82	

**We Hear God's Word**

Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14

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

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Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

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\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Children's Sermon

Children's Church Gathers and Exits

Proclamation of the Word

**We Respond to God's Word**

*Hymn of the Day	<i>"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"</i>	LBW #58
*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed.....	p. 85	
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Offering, Children's Offering		
*Offertory Hymn <i>"Create in Me a Clean Heart"</i> & Offertory Prayer.....	p. 96	
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*Benediction & Amen.....	p. 97	
*Closing Hymn	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing "</i>	LBW #60

**We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields**

*\*Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God*

Postlude

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD!**  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;**  
**the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works**  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,**  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**  
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

## **What's Happening**

### **Today:**

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Ethana Zumpf, in memory of her husband John.

## **Notes and News**

- You'll find forms in the narthex for donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile).
- Please share your family Christmas card photo with FLC.
- It's time to sign up in the Narthex to deliver Meals on Wheels weekdays, December 29 through January 9.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held January 11. Committee Reports should be in by January 4.
- Christmas Donations were made to the Salvation Army and the Outreach Clinic as follows: Ric & Sandy Rabe, in memory of Tom & Nita Rabe and Nick & Monty Russif; Eric & Lea Moore, in memory of loved ones; Barb Bender, in memory of Michael Nitschke & Mari Bender; and Cathy Filler.
- We will be voting on amendments to the NALC Constitution and Bylaws at our annual meeting. These are not amendments to our First Lutheran Constitution and Bylaws. You are welcome to study the amendments, but in summary, the first amendment moves some constitutional language into the bylaws and corrects some errors. The second amendment establishes the North American Lutheran Seminary formally in the Constitution and outlines its structure governing structure. The third amendment renames the old "indemnification" section "Legal and Financial Matters and describes its fiscal year, handling of funds, approval of contracts, and valid notice.