



**Stand - Invocation and Opening Versicles**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

*Psalm 111:10*

Pastor: God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,

**People: crying, "Abba! Father!"** *Galatians 4:6*

Pastor: My eyes have seen Your salvation

**People: that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples.**

*Luke 2:30-31*

**Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: As our Christmas celebration continues, let us contemplate the humility in which our Lord came into the world. Let us consider our unworthiness for such a great gift and confess before God and one another our great need of forgiveness and salvation. Together as His people, let us look to Christ who fulfilled the Law for us and takes away its condemnation by His blood. Let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, kneeling by His side saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

**People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace." (*Luke 2: 29*)

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-first chapter.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

**P** The Epistle is from Galatians, the fourth chapter.

<sup>4</sup>But 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand - **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice

according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." <sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>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.

### Responsory

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### **Catechism - Ten Commandments**

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**  
**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**  
**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**  
**Honor your father and your mother.**  
**You shall not murder.**  
**You shall not commit adultery.**  
**You shall not steal.**  
**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer** *(As found in the back cover of the Hymnal)*

**Sit - Let All Together Praise Our God** **LSB 389**

**Sermon- "My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation!"** **Luke 2:29-32**

**Joy to the World** **LSB 387**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see Your righteousness, and all the kings Your glory. *Isaiah 62: 1c-2a*

Pastor: With Simeon and Anna and all who have waited for the consolation of Israel, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, the Light and revelation of Your glory and love. May Your righteousness go forth as brightness, Your salvation as a burning torch that all nations may see Your righteousness and all kings Your glory.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**P** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

### **Collect for the Word**

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

### **Morning Prayer**

**G I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace**

**LSB 580**

### **Blessing**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**G Amen.**

**Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**

**LSB 937**

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**Attendance last Sunday: 52**  
**Officiant:** Rev. Wayne Schwanke  
**Organist:** Ila Robbert  
**Elder:** Jerry Strey  
**Ushers:**  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**THIS WEEK:**

**SUNDAY- DECEMBER 27**

9:15am Bible Class  
10:30am Worship Service

**SUNDAY- JANUARY 3**

9:15am Bible Class  
10:30am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

**The Board of Stewardship gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:**

\$50 in memory of Bud Keller. Doris Buchholtz, La Verne Utecht, and Marion Brazil.

A gift of \$75 was given in memory of Marian Brazil. This was designated to the Christian Life Center. A gift of \$1500 was given to Christ Lutheran School by the Andrew Schliepp family.

**Mormons: Who Are They and What They Believe**

A new Bible Study is beginning on Dec. 27, Jan 3 & Jan. 10 at 9:15, in the school library. This will be a study of the Mormon religion starting from its beginning to the present time. It will be an interesting and a very current topic. We would welcome you all to attend. What makes this group distinctive and how they differ from other Christian churches. A discussion follows a video presentation on the topic.

**The 2021 envelopes are in your mailboxes**, please put your name on the envelope because some numbers have changed. This serves as a good cross reference

**Altar Flowers:**

**In memory of Ed Pflug**.....from Joanne Pflug and family

**Christmas Tree:**

**In memory of Dennis Robbert & Mike Bruesewitz**..from John & JoAnn Robbert

**Poinsettias plants:**

**In memory of Louis & Eris Hartzke**.....from Tom and Diane Hartzke

**In memory of Ed Pflug**.....from Pflug family

**In memory of Tammy & Mark Highlander**.....from Delmar & Joan Behm

**In memory of Dennis Robbert**.....from John and JoAnn Robbert

**In memory of Mike Bruesewit**.....from John & JoAnn Robbert, Jeremy,  
Crystal, Brook, Rylei, Kolten & Matt Bruesewitz

**In memory of Raymond & Arlene Strey/ Don & LaVerne Brey**.....from Pam  
and Jerry Strey

**In memory of Ida Ebert & Vera Frederick**.....From John and JoAnn Robbert

**In memory of David Krause**.....from Eloise Krause and family

**In memory of Carl and Bernice Boelter**.....from Tom & Susanne Utecht

**In honor of Jesus' Birthday**..... from Myron and Lydia Wacker

\*A reminder to please have any bulletin announcements to the secretary by Thursday morning 8am. During a Holiday week please by Tuesday Morning 8am. Thank you!

**CELC Prayer List**— CELC Prayer List—Fred Monroe (healing from surgery & health issues), Rene Dorsett’s father; Lavern Lipke (healing); Brian Brazil (recovery); Verona Lipke (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer’s son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm’s Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

**In the Military:** Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

**Our Shut Ins:** Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel

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