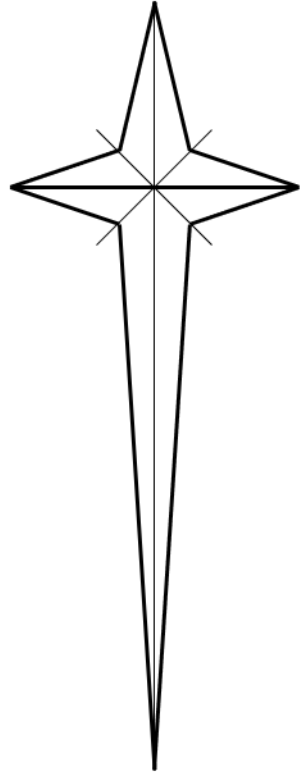


The Lutheran Church of the Savior
A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*

**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.

Luke 2:29–32



Order of Worship

December 27, 2020 9:45 AM

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Opening Song

Come and Behold Him

Chisum, Searcy

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

Come and be - hold Him, come, see His glo - ry, come with an
Come and be - hold Him, come, see His mer - cy, come find His
hon - est heart to see all He is; We will dis - cov - er
ten - der - ness reaching to you; Just as a mir - ror
all of His beau - ty, His light will burn a
shows a re - flec - tion. His Word and Spir - it
way all the darkness we've known Come and be - hold
come, now reflecting His love.
Him, come and be - hold Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He
is; Come and be - hold Him, wait now be - fore
Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He is. _____

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 111

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

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

Kyrie

LSB 152

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 Jesus Messiah Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves, Cole
 Christmas lyrics by Mark Cole

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

1 He came as a Child, — Who knew no sin; — God's
 2 This Child was a gift, — the price for sin; — A
 Son was sent down, — all for love. — He
 gift sent from God, — all for love. — The
 hum-bled Him - self, — the Light of the world. —
 an - gels sang, — 'God's peace on earth.' —
 — Loveso a - maz - ing, — loveso a - maz - ing. —

§ CHORUS

Je-sus, Mes-si - ah; — Name a - bove all names;
 Bless-ed Re - deem - er; — Em-man - u - el. —
 The res-cue for sin - ners, — the ran-som from heav - en; —
 Je-sus, Mes-si — ah, — Lord of all. —

BRIDGE

All our hope — is in You, — All our hope — is in You; —

— All the glo - ry to You, — God, —
 D.S. al Coda %
 The Light of the world. — Je-sus, Mes-si
 CODA
 Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, — Lord of all. —
 The Lord of all! — The Lord of all. —

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I 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.

¹For 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.

¹For 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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

²² 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 ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves,

or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And 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, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And 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.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And 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.



C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Song

Here I Am To Worship

Hughes

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2. King of all days, O so high - ly ex - alt - ed,

3

o - pened my eyes, let me see
Glor - ious in Heav - en a - bove;

5

beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7

hope of a life spent with You.
all for love's sake be - came poor.

CHORUS

9 Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down; Here I am to

12 say that You're my God; You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er

15 wor-thy, al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

Sermon

Surprise!

Luke 2:22–40

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

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

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together,
- 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.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.



Song

Glorious

Baloche, Brown

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

VERSE

1. Look in - side the mys - t'ry, see the emp - ty cross;
2. Look be - yond the tomb - stone, see the liv - ing God;

4
See the ris - en Sav - ior, vic - to - ri - ous and strong;
See the res - ur - rec - ted Rul - er of my heart;

8
No one else a - bove Him, none as strong to save;
No one else a - bove Him, none to match His worth;

12
He a - lone has con - quered the pow - er of the grave.
The hope of His re - turn - ing fills the u - ni - verse.

16 CHORUS
Glo - ri - ous, my eyes have seen the glo - ry of the

21
Lord; Glo - ri - ous, He stands a - bove the rul - ers of the

27
earth; 1 Glo - ri - ous, 2 glo - ri - ous,

33 Lord, You are glo - ri - ous. (6)

39 BRIDGE Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;

43 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous,

47 CHORUS Glo - ri - ous, my eyes have seen the glo - ry of the

52 Lord; Glo - ri - ous. He stands a - bove the

57 rul - ers of the earth; Glo - ri - ous,

61 glo - ri - ous, Lord, You are glo - ri - ous.

68 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;

74 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous.

78 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

27 December 2020

Readings

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:22–40

The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, *"to redeem those who were under the law"* (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, *"according to the Law of Moses,"* Mary and Joseph *"brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord"* (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, *"waiting for the consolation of Israel"* (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. *"At that very hour,"* old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and *"began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes *"righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"* (Is. 61:11). We also *"greatly rejoice in the LORD,"* because this child has clothed us *"with the garments of salvation,"* covered us *"with the robe of righteousness"* and called us *"by a new name"* (Is. 61:10; 62:2).



Readings

1 Kings 3:4–15

Ephesians 1:3–14

Luke 2:40–52

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus *“grew and became strong”* (Luke 2:40); He *“increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man”* (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might *“have redemption through his blood”* (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up *“to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover”* (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in *“the word of truth, the gospel,”* by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain *“an understanding mind”* to go about our vocations, discerning *“between good and evil”* (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand *“before the ark of the covenant of the Lord”* (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.



New Year's Eve Worship

Please join us in worship in this new Church Year



New Year's Eve Worship

Thursday, December 31st at 7:00 pm