

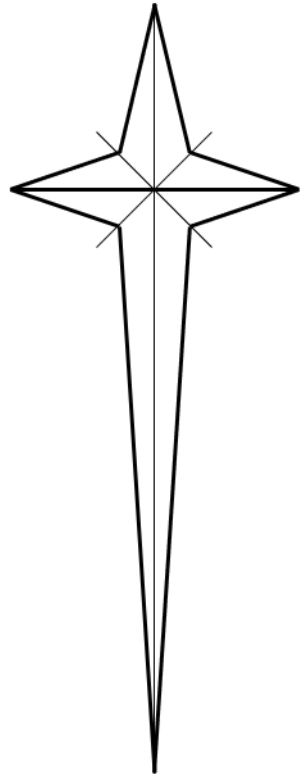
The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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 26, 2021 9:00 AM

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Introit

Isaiah 52:10; Psalm 98:1-4

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

Thank you.

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Divine Service

Invocation & Christmas Litany

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

C Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

John 8:12

C The Light no darkness can overcome.

John 1:5

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

C And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Opening Song

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes, Cole

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus x2



Em - man - u - el, You stepped down, walked a - mong us,
Light of the world, oh so high - ly ex - al - ted,



Born as a child, yet a King...
Glor' - ous in hea - ven a - bove...



An - gels pro-claimed of the birth of a Sav - ior,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted



Hope of the world sent from God...
All for love's sake be - came poor...

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Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down; Here I am to
say that You're my_ God;_ You're al-to-geth-er love - ly, al-to-geth-er
wor - thy, al - to-geth-er won - der - ful_ to me._

Prayer of Confession

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not always lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
- P** But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,
- C** **you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.**

Silence for confession and reflection

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...
- 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** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished!

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.

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.

**²Great 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.

**⁴He 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.**

Song of Praise

All Heaven Declares

Richards, Richards

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 1, Tag



All heav'n de - clares the com-ing of the
I will pro - claim the com-ing of the



new born King; Who can com - pare with the beau - ty
new born King; Who once was slain to rec - con - cile_



of the Lord? For - ev - er He will be
man to God. For - ev - er You will be



the Lamb up - on the throne; I glad - ly bow the
the Lamb up - on the throne; I glad - ly bow the



knee and wor - ship Him a - lone,
knee and wor - ship You a - lone,

Prayer

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

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“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.”

³Then 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. . . .

¹¹“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, ¹²you 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. ¹³Every 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. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵For 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.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing 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. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] 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.**



Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



Sermon Song

Come And Behold Him

Chisum, Searcy

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

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. _____

Sermon

"Good Things Come"

Luke 2:22-40



Prayers of the Church Family and the 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.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Blessing

- 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.**



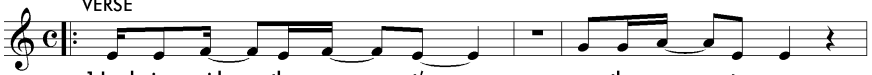
Song

Glorious

Baloché, 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;



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



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



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

CHORUS



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



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



earth; Glo - ri - ous, glo - ri - ous,



Lord, You are glo - ri - ous.

BRIDGE



Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;



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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