

December 26, 2021

*First Sunday
After Christmas*



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Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:
9:30 am
(Grace Hall)

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Unto Us a Boy is Born!" arr. D. Paxton
"Voluntary on Two Carols" arr. D. Kidwell
"Joy to the World" G.F. Handel
"The First Noel" Traditional English carol

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 386



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

G who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

G But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

G Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have taken for granted the free gift of salvation You give us through Jesus. Help us to focus on the reason for the season, the birth of Your Son. Forgive us, O God, and let us depart in peace, according to Your Word, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who came to save us from our sins.

P Receive the free gift that Jesus offers: the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of our newborn King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

LSB 387; Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 52:10

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387 st. 1

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

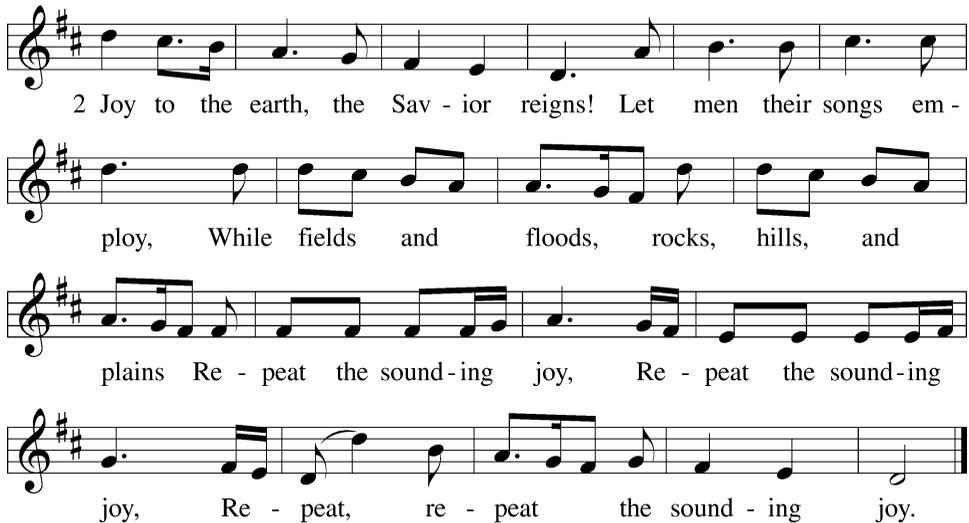
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387 st. 2



2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

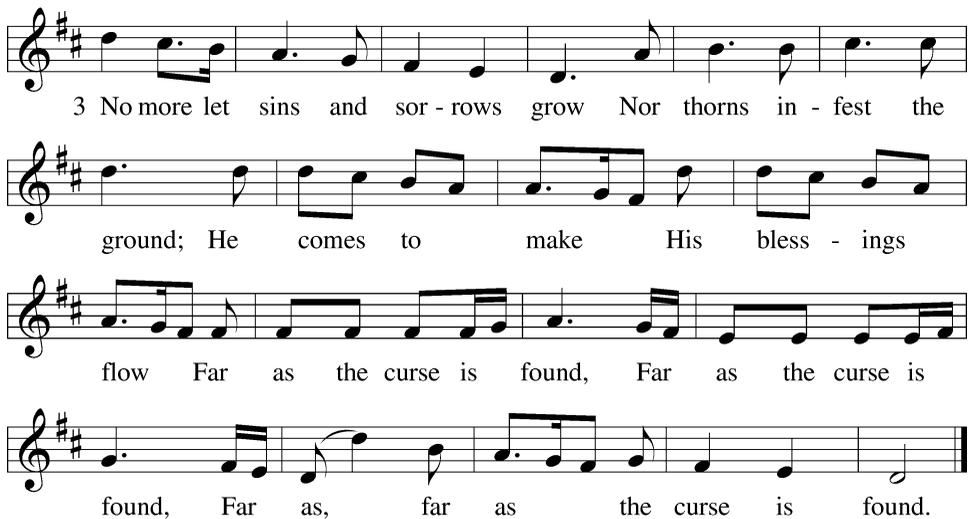
P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

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

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387 st. 3



3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

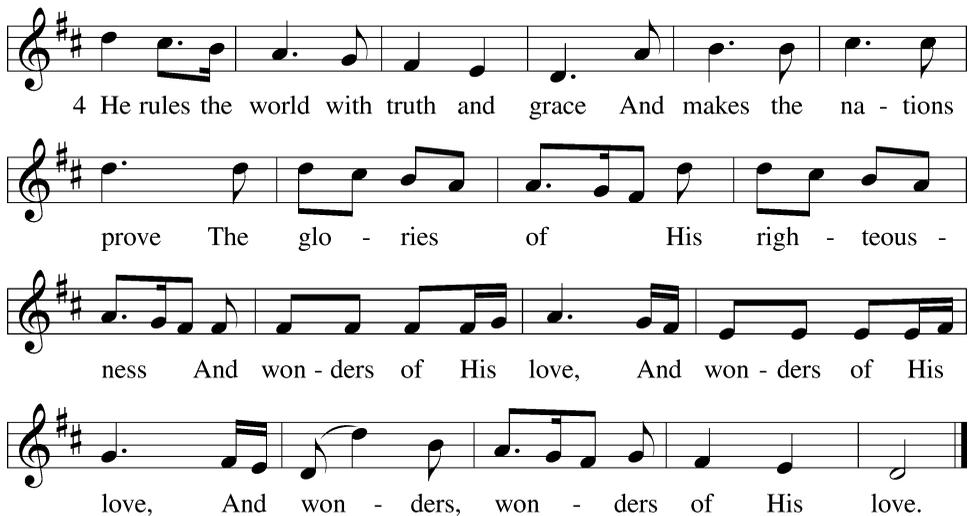
Isaiah 52:10

- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387 st. 4



4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

KYRIE

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of our newborn King, which is beyond our understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our salvation from Christ, the Prince of Peace, for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the Holy Christian Church, for we have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b

- A** He sent redemption to His people;
- C** **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

- A** Praise the LORD!
- C** **I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

- A** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- C** **Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

- A** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
- C** **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

- A** He provides food for those who fear Him;
- C** **He remembers His covenant forever.**

- A** He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- C** **The works of His hands are faithful and just;**

- A** all His precepts are trustworthy;
- C** **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

A He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

C Holy and awesome is His name!

A The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C 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.**

A He sent redemption to His people;

C He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12–17

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

P Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;

**C a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.
Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

SERMON

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God and all people according to their needs. Wonderful Counselor, we praise and thank You for guiding us with the Word of Christ, which dwells richly in us. Bless all pastors and teachers of Your Word, that they teach and admonish Your people with all of Your wisdom so that whatever we do, in word or deed, we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. O God of our salvation,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Mighty God, You created this world and everything in it through Your powerful Word and still take care of it. Continue to watch over and work through all who lead and serve our nation, state, and local communities. Lead and guide all first responders and members of the military as they carry out their duties to protect and serve. O God of our salvation,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting Father, You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We ask for Your encouragement, healing, and care for all who are struggling with their health, [especially . . .]. Heal the broken hearts of those who grieve the loss of those close to them. O God of our salvation,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Prince of Peace, we praise and thank You for the peace we have in You. Empower us and all of your missionary people to embrace the opportunities You give us to share the gift of Your redemption. O God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our newborn King.

C Amen.

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.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"A Christmas Memory"

G. Martin

Stand

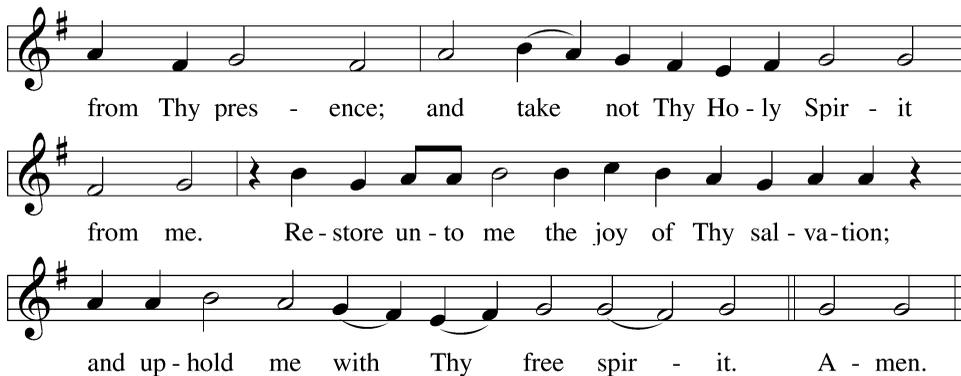
OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and rests. The lyrics continue below the notes.



from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

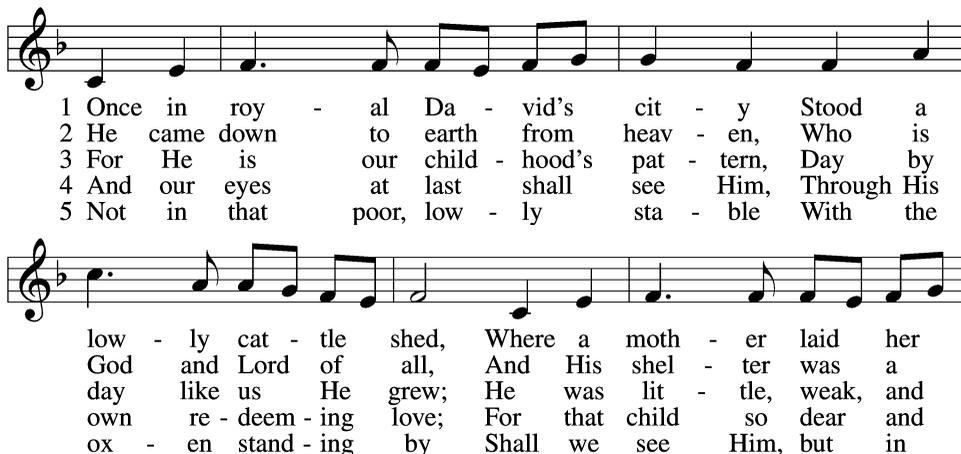
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

LSB 376



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the
 low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

arr. T. Birchwood

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

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Organist: Patty Barnes

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