

## Song Service

### The First Sunday after Christmas December 29, 2024

#### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### **RINGING OF THE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **BAPTISM HYMN: ♪ "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING"**

**LSB 593 V. 1-3**

- 1 See this wonder in the making:  
God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.**
  
- 2 Miracle each time it happens  
As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Belovèd,  
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**
  
- 3 Far more tender than a mother,  
Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place him/her/them,  
With Your love and peace embrace him/her/them.**

*We will use the order of baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

#### **AFTER BAPTISM HYMN: ♪ "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING"**

**LSB 593 V. 4**

- 4 Here we bring a child of nature;  
Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter,  
Born again by Word and water.**

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#### **Stand**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪“LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD”**

**LSB 389**

- 1 Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again  
To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.**
- 2 He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.**
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.**
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.**
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.**

**6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.**

**△7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.**

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**PSALM**

**PSALM 111**

- P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
- C** **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
- C** **studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
- C** **and his righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
- C** **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear him;
- C** **he remembers his covenant forever.**
- P** He has shown his people the power of his works,
- C** **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
- C** **all his precepts are trustworthy;**
- P** they are established forever and ever,
- C** **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
- C** **Holy and awesome is his name!**
- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** **His praise endures forever!**

**HYMN: ♪ "THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE"**

**LSB 798**

**All:**

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.**

**Men:**

**2 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tow'r.**

**All:**

**3 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.**

**Women:**

**4 He by Himself has sworn;  
I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face;  
I shall His pow'r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forevermore.**

**All:**

**5 Though nature's strength decay,  
And earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
At His command.  
The wat'ry deep I pass,  
With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness  
My way pursue.**

**Upstairs:**

**6 The goodly land I see,  
With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow  
With mercy crowned.**

All:

7 There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.

Downstairs:

8 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"

All:

△9 The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise!

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*Stand*

### INTROIT

**PSALM 98:1-4**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

**C** break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**EXODUS 13:1-3A, 11-15**

The LORD said to Moses, "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."

Then 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. . . .

"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, you 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. Every 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. And 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. For 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.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN: ♪"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"**

**LSB 384**

**1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.**

**2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.**

**3 This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.**

**4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.**

**△5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.**

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## **EPISTLE**

## **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

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

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN: ♪"NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE"**

**LSB 386**

**1 Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art!  
Thou my Savior art!**

- 2 **Come from on high to me;  
I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit,  
O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit,  
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee!  
Draw me unto Thee!**
- 3 **Now through His Son doth shine  
The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us  
Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us  
A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there!  
May we praise Him there!**
- 4 **Oh, where shall joy be found?  
Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing  
With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing  
In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there!  
Oh, that we were there!**

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*Stand*

## **ALLELUIA**

**🎵 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 2:22–40**

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

**🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When 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 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 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. 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. 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "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."



And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

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, 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. 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.

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

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**CREEDAL HYMN: *J*"WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD"**

**LSB 953**

- 1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.**
  
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.**
  
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!**

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*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

**G** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

**"THE FIRST NOEL" BY THE KRAUSE FAMILY**

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**OFFERING HYMN: ♪ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"**

**LSB 781 V. 1-2**

**1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!**

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*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪ "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"**

**LSB 367**

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

**Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain***

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain***

**4 Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain***

**△5 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the\_ eternal Three in One. Refrain**

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*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪"LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD"**

**LSB 352**

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**
- 2 What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.**
- 3 Abram's promised great reward,  
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold—  
Truly came, as long foretold.**
- 4 As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.**
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.**
- 6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

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*Stand*

**P** Collect

**C** Amen

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN: *J* "LORD, BID YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE"**

**LSB 937**

**1** Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.

**2** This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.

**△3** With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.

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### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**