

# First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 30, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" ..... LSB 367 Δ

## **INVOCATION**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 90:1–12*

*P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.*

**C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

*P: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"*

**C: For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

*P: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.*

**C: For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence. For all our days pass away under Your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

*P: Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?*

**C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

*P: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

*Rejoice! By God's love, He gives us forgiveness as a gift for the sake of His Son, whose birth we celebrate. Fellow adopted brothers and sisters in Christ, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, at His command and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## KYRIE

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace from above, for the overflowing love of God, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the Church of God as it loves and forgives in Christ's name, 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 in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, loving and gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice".....LSB 390 vs. 1,3,4



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

*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.*

**C: Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;**

*P: 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*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “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.” <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to the people, <sup>11</sup> “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, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.**

**GRADUAL**

*P: To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;*

**C: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

*P: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,*

**C: Mighty God,**

*P: Everlasting Father,*

**C: Prince of Peace.**

*P: Sing to the Lord a new song,*

**C: for He has done marvelous things!**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**

*Luke 2:30, 32*

*P: Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;*

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:22–40*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Jesus 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.**

***HYMN*** “See amid the Winter’s Snow” ..... *LSB 373*

## ***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***      *Colossians 3:12, 15; Matthew 5:23–24*

*P: Holy and beloved, let us use the encouragement of the Epistle to guide our prayers to God for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs.*

*P: Put on compassion:*

**C: Protect and guide all who serve in the healing professions, O Lord. Give them compassion, so that they see their patients as Your dearly loved children.**

*P: Put on kindness:*

**C: Guide and strengthen all who teach and care for vulnerable teens and senior citizens. Give them wisdom to serve in kindness and love.**

*P: Put on humility:*

**C: Remind those who fill positions of authority here and around the world, to rule with humility, as they serve You and the people around them, in making, administering, and judging the laws of the land.**

*P: Put on meekness:*

**C: Protect and guide those who serve in law enforcement at home, and armed forces deployed, so that they make appropriate decisions at all times.**

*P: Put on patience:*

**C: Open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel here and around the world. Give patience to clergy and lay leaders alike, as they proclaim the news of Your Son's birth. Make them aware of Your gracious presence to bless their efforts.**

*P: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are not at peace because of illness, conflict, loss, and sadness. In Your great love,*

**C: restore health, resolve conflict, console, and bring renewal of joy as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

*P: Into Your hands, loving Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

## **PREFACE**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us proof of Your great love that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may receive Your gift in humble gratitude and seek ways to share it with those whom You have placed in our lives. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**SANCTUS** "Joy to the World" ..... LSB 387

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

**Let men their songs employ,**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You so loved the world that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. He is the embodiment of Your love, promised*



*for ages and ordained in Your covenant. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*Loving Lord, we entreat You to forgive, renew, and strengthen us for loving service with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own new testament of love. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "Joy to the World" ..... **LSB 387**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,**

And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes" ..... **LW 56**

I am so glad when Christmas comes,  
The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Beth-l'em's star shone as the sun  
And angels sang with mirth.

The little child of Bethlehem,  
The King of heav'n-ly grace,  
Come down from His exalted throne  
To save our fallen race.

He's now returned to heav'n above,  
God's Son He is al-way;  
He ne'er forgets His little ones  
But hears them when they pray.

I too would sing my Savior's praise,  
My joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For He has made me His own child  
By Water and the Word.

I love this precious Christmas eve  
And my dear Savior mild,  
And I shall not forget the truth:  
He loves me as His child.

I am so glad when Christmas comes:  
Let anthems fill the air!  
He opens wide for every child  
His paradise so fair.

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we keep with pure hearts and be strengthened to share in loving words and actions each day until we join saints and angels with You in eternity; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**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** "The People That in Darkness Sat" ..... *LSB* 412 vs. 1,3,4,6

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## **THIS WEEK AT CLC — (12/30/18 – 1/6/19)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending December 23, 2018)**

General & Building Funds: \$17,496.58; Blessings: \$17.82

Attendance: Thursday: 64; Sunday: 121

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**PRO-LIFE SIGNATURE AD:** You are invited to participate in the Pro-life Signature Ad which will appear in the Wausau Daily Herald on Sunday, January 20. The signature sheet and donation can are located in the narthex.

**LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR THE UNBORN:** Tuesday, January 22, from 5:30-6:00. Check out the fellowship hall bulletin board for more information.

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBERS** will take place next Sunday, January 6.

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /**

**ACTIVITIES:** Please check Channel 9 TV's website, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

**THE LADIES GUILD** thanks everyone for the donations to Hope Life Center. They have a special request for lotion, shampoo, and deodorant

**THE FOOD FOR THE BODY** collection for the month of December was taken to The Neighbors Place. Thank you for your donations.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"God's time is not our time. He sees the whole, but also more than the whole, as each whole life is a part of a larger picture beyond our sight lines. To accomplish His purposes, God takes His time, not ours."

*James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James –*

*([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*