



This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.

2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.

6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

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DIVINE SERVICE: Setting Four.....

INTROIT

Ps. 147:1, 5, 11–12; antip

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of truth.

C: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our Lord, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 14 And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I

world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, 6 to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, 8 which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, that He might gather up all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also, when you heard the truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of the glory of His grace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE.....

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. 41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem

been searching for You in great distress.” 49 And He said to them, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?” 50 And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. 51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

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.

Isaiah 43:1–7
Romans 6:1–11
Luke 3:15–22

THIS WEEK— (January 3rd – 10th)

Sunday: Worship/HC/Installation of Officers, 9:00am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class (1 Confirmation Class (2nd year), 6:00pm; Choir, 7:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Saturday: CLC Planning Meeting, 9:00am

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND PLANTS: Thank you to everyone who provided beautiful Christmas flowers and plants to beautify our house. You may take your plant home. To find which plant is yours, please check for a sticky note at the inside back of the foil on the stems.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 we will be taking down the Christmas decorations

Tuesday Morning Bible Study—January 12th

Wednesday Morning Bible Study—January 6th

Confirmation Classes—Wednesday, January 6th

Choir—Wednesday, January 6th

Thursday Evening Bible Class—January 7th

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION: The Evangelism committee is hosting a celebration to welcome the newest members of CLC on January 17th after the Bible Study / Sunday School hour. The event will take place downstairs in the lower level. A potluck meal is on the menu, and cake will be served. Please use the following chart to aid you in deciding what to bring. Members whose last names begin with

A-F Pasta Dishes, Salads, Jello Molds

G-L Vegetable Dishes, Relish Trays, Cold Meats, Salsa/Dips, Chips

M-S Hot Dishes, Casseroles, Soup

T-Z Fruit, Muffins, Pastries, Breads

We hope you join us for a morning of worship, Bible study, food and fellowship.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check Channel 9 TV, CLC website and/or the following radio stations: WDEZ/WSAU; Christian Radio—FM stations: WGNV (88.5) and 89Q (89.5).

THANK YOU for all the cards, gifts, prayers, and words of encouragement during this Holiday Season. – Pastor Wetmore and

up form and the donation canister are located on the podium Narthex from now until Thursday, January 14th. Please print your name on the form. **A donation (\$2 or more) is required for each signature/printed name to help defray the cost of checks may be written out to “WRL” or “Wisconsin Right to Life.”** Please see Sue Meyer with any questions.

You and I are God’s co-workers in protecting the unborn culture of death. Because of your efforts babies are surviving everyday! Thank you for not giving up! **Thank you for standing for the smallest of our human family, the unborn!**

FOR SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY Christ Lutheran Church will be participating in Operation Baby Bottles for HOPE L “HOPE”. On January 10th and January 17th please pick a jar and fill it with cash, check and/or coins. Your donation will help HOPE as they work with unwed mothers to choose life for unborn babies. If you have any questions please see Sarah Meyer.

JOIN US TO “LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR THE UNBORN” v candlelight vigil around the Marathon County (Wausau) Courthouse on Friday, January 22nd. More information will follow.

FOOD FOR THE BODY: We will again be collecting ‘Food for the Body’ for January.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“God needs and wants you in His kingdom building work.”