



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

S. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Second Sunday After Christmas

January 1 and 2, 2022

Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our gracious God to offer him our worship and praise. We assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate his life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him in heaven.

For Your Convenience and Safety

For your ease and convenience, the entire order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in lower level of the church. Parents who need to attend to upset infants or toddlers may use the parent's room located just beyond the ushers' room on the left as you leave the church. A large print version of this service folder and a printed copy of today's sermon for those who have difficulty seeing or hearing are available from an usher.

For the convenience of others please silence all electronic devices.

Offerings may be given in the collection plate in the church entryway. Please keep your service folder or recycle it in the green bin in the entryway. Communion will be offered by continuous distribution.

Opening Hymn

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

Christian Worship Hymnal #42

Please stand for the final stanza.



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
2 See how God, for us providing, Gave his
3 Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in
4 Ja - cob's Star in all its splendor Beams with
5 Gra - cious Child, we pray you, hear us; From your



Lord with glad - ness praising; Loud - ly sing his love a -
Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is
love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
low - ly man - ger cheer us. Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
near us Till we join th' an - gel - ic choir.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941.

Tune: QUEM PASTORES (88 87) *Ein Schlesisch singebüchlein*, Breslau, 1555.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, Taste and See". It is written in C major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are". The second line of music continues the lyrics: "they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -". The third line of music continues: "ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -". The fourth line of music continues: "ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -". The fifth line of music continues: "ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.". The sixth line of music concludes with: "Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7

The first lesson will serve as the sermon text.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

Christ has freed us from slavery and made us God's children and heirs.

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

Verse of the Day

(Psalm 98:3b)

M: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:68-75

At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah sings a song praising the Lord. God's people, held captive by their enemies, would be redeemed and set free.

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— ⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day

“O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is”

Christian Worship Hymnal #40



1 O Je - sus Christ, Your man - ger is
2 He whom the sea And wind o - bey
3 Dear Chris - tian friend, On him de - pend;
4 Pon - der a - gain What glo - ry then
5 The world may hold Her wealth and gold;



My par - a - dise where my soul is re -
Comes down to serve the sin - ner in great
Be of good cheer and let no sor - row
The Lord will give you for your earth - ly
But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true



clin - ing. For there, O Lord, We find the Word
meek - ness. Now God's own Son With us is one
move you. For God's own child In mer - cy mild
sad - ness. The an - gel host Can nev - er boast
treas - ure. To him hold fast Un - til at last



Made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
And joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
Joins you to him—how great - ly God must love you!
Of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.
A crown is yours and hon - or in full meas - ure.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRIST, DEIN KRIPPLEIN IST (44 11 D) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

Sermon

Text: Genesis 17:1-7

Theme: God has Established His Covenant

1. With all people
2. For all time

Following the sermon, please stand for the Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Hymn

“To Thee My Heart I Offer”

Christian Worship Hymnal #43



1 To thee my heart I of - fer, O Christ - child
2 My heart with - in is glow - ing, O Christ - child
3 What brought thee to the man - ger, O Christ - child,
4 Let me be thine for - ev - er, O Christ - child



sweet and dear, Up - on thy love re - ly - ing; Oh,
sweet and dear. I love thee, Lord and Sav - ior; Oh,
sweet and dear? Thy love for me, a stran - ger—Oh,
sweet and dear. Up - hold me with thy mer - cy; Oh,



be thou ev - er near! Take thou my heart and give me thine,
be thou ev - er near! I see thee in a man - ger laid,
be thou ev - er near! O Lord, how great is this thy love
be thou ev - er near! From thee I glad - ly all re - ceive,



And let it be for - ev - er mine, O Je - sus,
Near cat - tle rest - ing un - a - fraid; I see thy
That reach - es down from heav'n a - bove, Thy love for
And what is mine to thee I give; My heart, my



ho - ly, un - de - filed, My Sav - ior meek and mild.
deep hu - mil - i - ty And low - ly bow to thee.
us, by sin de - filed, That made thee, God, a child!
soul, and all I own—Let these be thine a - lone.

Text: *Ausserlesenes . . . GesangBuchlein*, Trier, 1653, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941.

Tune: CORDIS DONUM (76 76 88 86) *Ausserlesenes . . . GesangBuchlein*, Trier, 1653.

STAND

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Closing Hymn

“Oh, Rejoice, All Christians Loudly”

Christian Worship Hymnal #45



1 Oh, re-joice, all Chris-tians, loud-ly, For our joys have
2 See, my soul, your Sav-ior choos-es Pov-er-ty and
3 Lord, how shall I thank you right-ly? I am saved e-
4 Je-sus, guard and guide your mem-bers; Make us chil-dren



now be-gun; Won-drous things our God has done.
weak-ness, too; In such love he comes to you.
ter-nal-ly By your life and death for me.
of your grace; Hear our prayers in ev-'ry place.



Tell a-broad his good-ness proud-ly, Who our race has
Nei-ther crib nor cross re-fus-es, All he suf-fers
Let me not re-gard you light-ly But on you in
Fan-to life faith's glow-ing em-bers; Give all Chris-tians



hon-ored so, That he lives with us be-low.
for your good To re-deem you by his blood.
faith de-pend, Prais-ing you, my heav'n-ly friend.
far and near Ho-ly peace, a glad new year.

Refrain



Joy, oh, joy be-yond all glad-ness, Christ has done a-way with sad-ness!



Hence all sor-row and re-pin-ing, For the Sun of grace is shin-ing!

Text: Christian Keimann, 1607–62; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: FREUET EUCH, IHR CHRISTEN ALLE (877 877 with Refrain) Andeas Hammerschmidt, c. 1611–75, alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church/School Office Assistant: Starting January 3 St. Lucas Lutheran Church will need a new church and school office assistant. We will need someone who will be able to do basic financial work using QuickBooks, desktop publishing using Microsoft Office, basic website maintenance and updating, along with other office duties. Depending on the time of the year this job requires up to 30 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for this position, would be able to help on a temporary basis during the hiring process, or have any questions about this position, please contact Pastor Henning or Principal Hesse. A job description is available.

We thank Bev Hansen for her faithful service in assisting in the Lord's ministry here at St. Lucas Lutheran and pray for the Lord's blessing on her new employment.

New Hymnal Update: You can pre-order your own copies of *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* at nph.net.

CALENDAR

January 1-January 9, 2022

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

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| Saturday | <i>(John 19:25b-27)</i> | |
| 6:00pm | Worship | Ushers: Butzke |
| Sunday | <i>(Luke 1:68-75, Genesis 17:1-7, Galatians 4:4-7, Psalm 148)</i> | |
| 8:00am | Worship | Ushers: Kempf |
| 10:30am | Worship | Ushers: Koch |
| Monday | <i>(John 12:35-43)</i> | |
| Tuesday | <i>(John 12:44-50)</i> | |
| Wednesday | <i>(Luke 4:16-21)</i> | |
| 3:30pm | Public School Confirmation | |
| Thursday | <i>(Isaiah 43:16-19)</i> | |
| Friday | <i>(Joshua 1:1-9)</i> | |
| Saturday | <i>(James 4:13-17)</i> | |
| 6:00pm | Worship w/Communion | Ushers: Peters |
| Sunday | <i>(Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-12, Psalm 72)</i> | |
| 8:00am | Worship w/Communion | Ushers: Stoltz |
| 9:15am | Family Bible Class and Sunday School | |
| 10:30am | Worship w/Communion | Ushers: Wolter |

St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.



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Christ through faithful use of the means of grace***