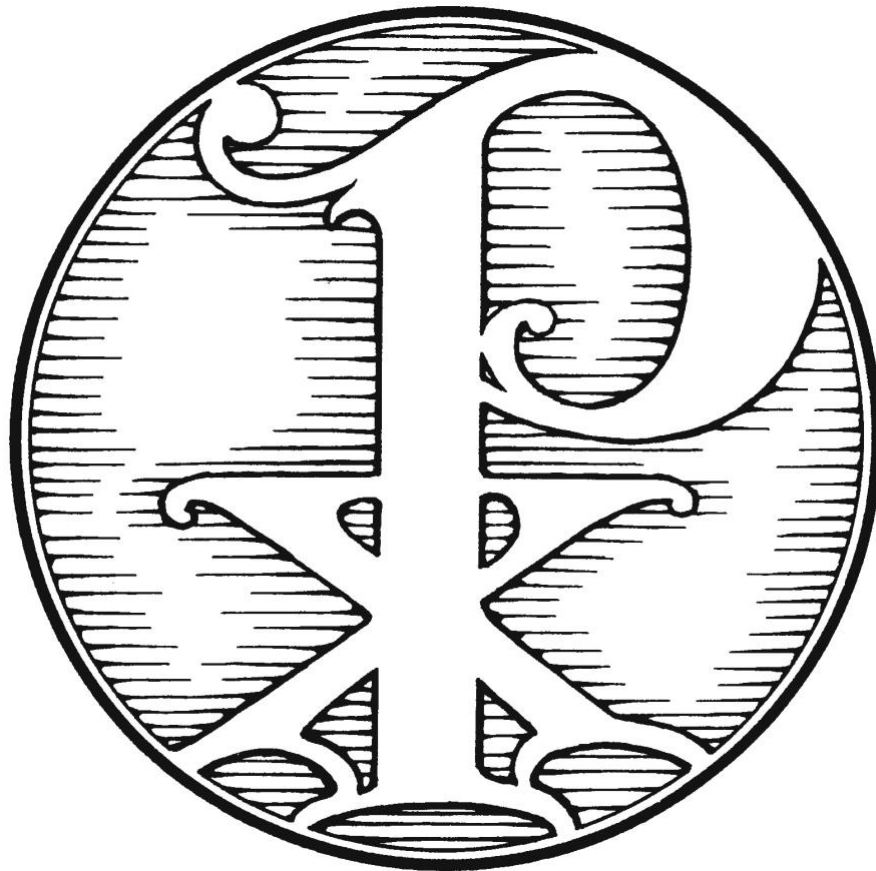


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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice **LSB 386**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit*

(Ps. 93:1, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 93:5, 2)

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world I established;

it shall never be moved.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,

the LORD on high is mighty!

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.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

Kyrie*

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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

Gradual: You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

Hymn: We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

LSB 382

Holy Gospel*: Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*

LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

We Give Thee But Thine Own* **LSB 781**

Service of the Sacrament* **LSB 160**

Distribution Hymns: 519, 386, 366, 363, 367

Post-Communion Canticle*: Nunc Dimittis **LSB 165**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice **LSB 390**

Announcements

Merry Christmas: High on the list of God's blessing to us are you, the saints of Bethlehem. Please receive our thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness this season and through all the seasons of the year! We rejoice with you in God's gift to us, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas! - Pastor, Stefanie, Will, Lily, Silas, Baby Jennings

Church Officers Needed: We are still in need of a member to sit on both the Board of Elders and Board of Education. If you have been asked to serve on one of these boards, please prayerfully reconsider. Or, if you know of someone who is interested, please speak with either the Board of Elders or Board of Education.

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: If you or someone you know that would like to be the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, please speak to either Dena Brammeier or Deb Albers. We need someone to take over this position in January.

Contribution Envelope Boxes: The Contribution Envelope boxes for 2022 are now in your mailboxes. Begin using these January 1, 2022. Please discard your unused 2021 envelopes after December 31, 2021. If you currently do not have contribution envelopes & would like to have a box, please contact Caroline Tate or Jennifer Brink.

Annual Report: The time is drawing near for the Annual Report to be printed. If all organizations (Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Agape Youth, Preschool, Cemetery Committee, Treasurers, Wednesday Night Religion and Confirmation, & any others I may have

missed) would please get me their reports by **January 10th** so that I may put the report together by the January voter's meeting. Thank You

Installation of Church Officers: On January 2nd, we will have the installation of church officers.

Find Bethlehem on Podbean or Facebook: Listen to Pastor Jennings sermons on Podbean or our Facebook page. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran church and begin listening.

This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
Friday: 7:00pm New Year's Eve Divine Service
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Services & Events:

- January 6th: The Epiphany of Our Lord



Poinsettias



- Dennis & Sylvia Kleiboeker In Memory of Melvin & Adele Lange
Fred & Linda Kleiboeker
- Steve & Sandy Haun In Memory of Thomas & Norma Haun
Clarence & Norma Rommelmann
- Jennings Family
- Elaine Ballance In Memory of Doug Ballance
- Calvin & Jackie Yardley In Memory of Loved Ones
- Earl & Marilyn Schneider In Memory of John Schneider & Loved Ones
- Joan Rueter In Memory of Loved Ones

