

The Second Sunday After Christmas

Saturday – January 2, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – January 3, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 868:1-2 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science

stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing

joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.

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Invocation

LSB 151

- P** In the name of God, our eternal Father, the God of Abraham and of Moses, who has loved us with an everlasting love:
- C** **Father, we praise and worship You.**
- P** In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son, the Word made flesh among us, who has redeemed us with His most precious blood:
- C** **Lord Jesus, we praise and worship You.**
- P** In the name of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Comforter at work in our lives, who brings us to faith and nurtures that faith daily:
- C** **Holy Spirit, we praise and worship You.**
- P** To You, O Holy Triune God, all Your people, rejoicing in Your presence and protection, cry aloud and say:
- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord the Almighty.**
Glory be to You, O God, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn # 868:3-4 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

LSB 868 sts. 3-4



3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my

freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of

death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

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Prayer

All O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this new year. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that we do not fall into sin and wander from Your grace, or succumb to any danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn # 868:5-6 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

LSB 868 sts. 5-6

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow’rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Exhortation

LSB 290

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 119:97-104 (Mem)

- P** ⁹⁷ Mightily I love Your law[†]
It is my meditation all the day.
- C** ⁹⁸ Much wiser than my enemies Your commandment makes me,
for it is ever with me.
- P** ⁹⁹ More understanding I have than all my teachers,
for Your testimonies are my meditation.
- C** ¹⁰⁰ More than the aged I understand,
for I keep Your precepts.
- P** ¹⁰¹ My feet I hold back from every evil way,
in order to keep Your word.
- C** ¹⁰² Meandering from Your ordinances, I will not do,
for You have taught me.
- P** ¹⁰³ Magnificently sweet are Your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- C** ¹⁰⁴ Mentored by Your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.
- All** 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:1-10

¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin every year. ⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷*Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,*

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, *“You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings”* (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, *“Behold, I have come to do your will.”* He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

Luke 2:40-52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "*Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.*" ⁴⁹And he said to them, "*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

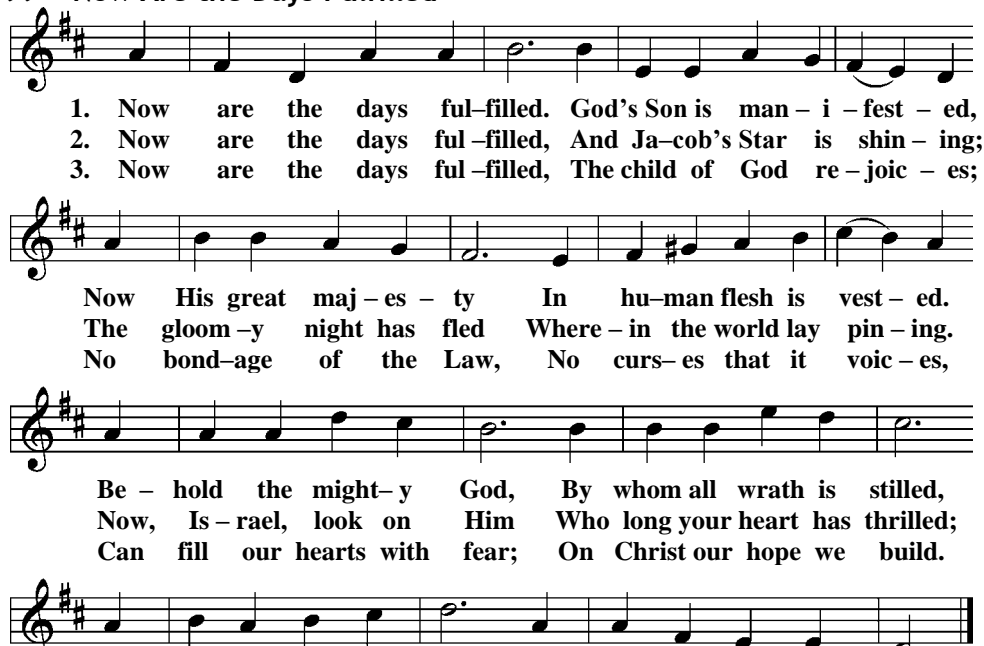
⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

TLH # 99 "Now Are the Days Fulfilled"



1. Now are the days ful-filled. God's Son is man - i - fest - ed,
2. Now are the days ful-filled, And Ja-cob's Star is shin - ing;
3. Now are the days ful-filled, The child of God re-joic - es;

Now His great maj - es - ty In hu-man flesh is vest - ed.
The gloom - y night has fled Where - in the world lay pin - ing.
No bond-age of the Law, No curs-es that it voic - es,

Be - hold the might-y God, By whom all wrath is stilled,
Now, Is - rael, look on Him Who long your heart has thrilled;
Can fill our hearts with fear; On Christ our hope we build.

The wom-an's prom-ised Seed - Now are the days ful - filled.
Hear Zi-on's watch-men cry: Now are the days ful - filled.
Be - hold the Prince of Peace - Now are the days ful - filled.

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Sermon "The Lamb Teaching the Teachers" or "Did You Bring a Sheep?" Luke 2:40-52

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
brother, born for us, risen for us, and returning for us.
C Amen.

\dagger Service of the Sacrament \dagger

Hymn # 617:1a "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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 a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 617:1b “O Lord, We Praise Thee”



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Hymn # 617:2a “O Lord, We Praise Thee”



2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Hymn # 617:2b “O Lord, We Praise Thee”



Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

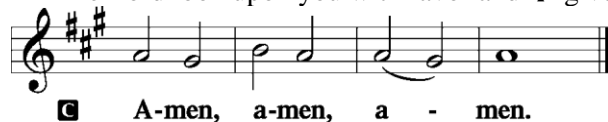
Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 376 "Once in Royal David's City"

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

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