

*January 3, 2022*  
*The Second Sunday after Christmas*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.  
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup  
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Organist: Doreen Leonard

*Stand*

#### **Once in Royal David's City**

*LSB 376*

- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I... 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

INTROIT

*Psalm 147*

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 grace and truth.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!



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 grace and truth.

☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

☐ Glory be to God on high:

☐ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Sit*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday after Christmas is from First Kings, chapter three.

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. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” 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. 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. 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. 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?”

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, 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. 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. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 119:97–104* ■

Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your testimonies are my meditation.

**I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.**

I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

**I do not turn aside from your just decrees,  
for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.**

**A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter one.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

ALLELUIA

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:40–52*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but 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, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And 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." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 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.

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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Within the Father's House

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- 1 Within the Father's house the Son has found His home,  
And to His temple suddenly the Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law gaze on the wondrous child  
And marvel at His gracious words of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n the mighty truth to know,  
To lift the earthly veil that hides incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord escapes each human eye,  
And faithful pond'ring hearts await the full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls and teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself with loving awe to trace
- △6 Till we behold Thy face and know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, coequal Three in One.

SERMON

"The Last Place You Look"

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

From East to West

LSB 385

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore let ev'ry heart awake and sing  
The holy child whom Mary bore, the Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world's creator wears the form and fashion of a slave;  
Our very flesh our maker shares, His fallen creatures all to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,  
Became, in ways beyond all thought, the chosen vessel of His grace.
- 4 And while the angels in the sky sang praise above the silent field,  
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, the one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- △5 All glory for this blessed morn to God the Father ever be;  
All praise to You, O Virgin-born, and Holy Ghost eternally.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

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The Only Son from Heaven

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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