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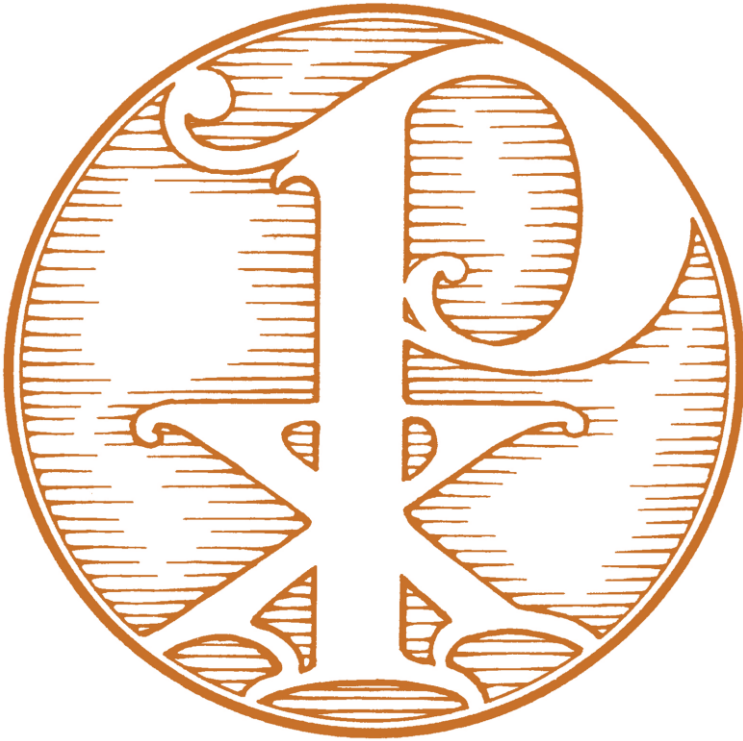


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**LSB Divine Service Setting I
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 2026**

Lighting of the Candles *Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*
John 8:12

Hymn of Invocation "Once in Royal David's City" No. 376



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
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



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
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



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
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



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.
 stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

(stand)

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19 and 18:20*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

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.

I John 1:8-10 and Philippians 1:6

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: his understanding is beyond measure.

P: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

C: Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of
God and for the unity of all let us
pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who
offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort and defend us,
gracious Lord.

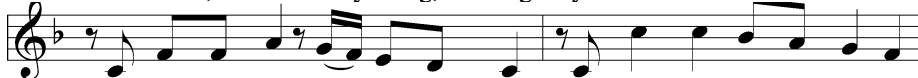


Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis) *Romans 8:34*

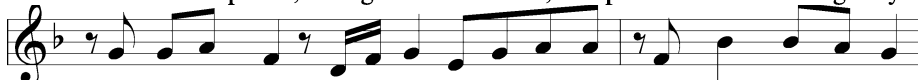
P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



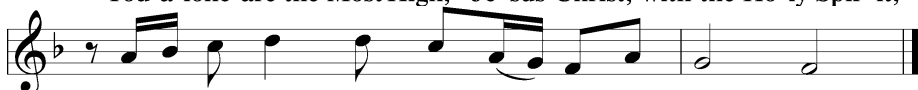
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ 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. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Psalms 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff contains the melody for 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.'.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] 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)

Hymn of the Day "Within the Father's House" No. 410



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-ca-ces each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

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.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

(stand)

The Apostles' Creed

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 everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**
All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us,
Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

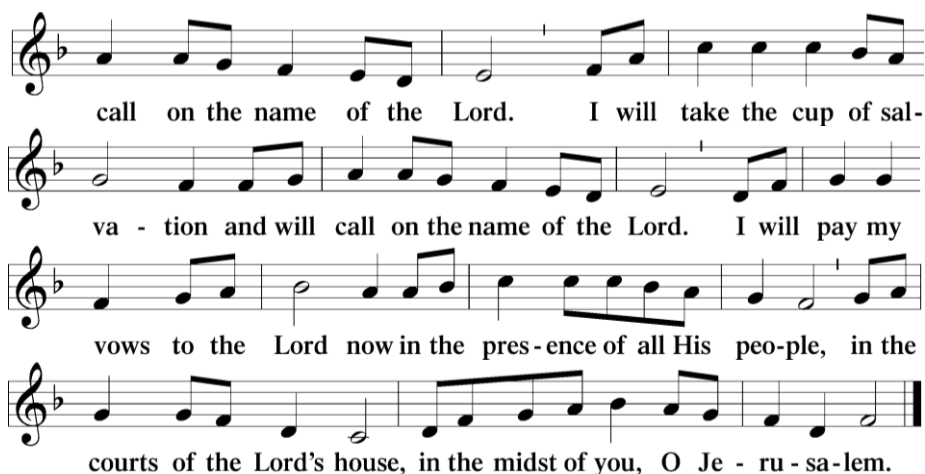
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Offering

(stand)

Offertory

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Concluding Collect

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.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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: Amen.

(Sit)



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
 Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt. Tune: German, 14th cent. Text and tune: Public domain



✠ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by The Stevens in honor of Ralph, Franklin, George and Eliana and in loving memory of Doris.

✠ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by The O'Donnell's & Eckhoff family in honor of Oakley's Birthday

✠ **Special Bouquet** is given to the glory of God by Pattie & Duane Oestmann in loving memory of her mom, Joann.

✠ **IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith, Barb Sweet, Marty Villers, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsbury, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Terry Krueger, Alberta Kahle (Duane Oestmann's cousin)

✠ We pray for comfort for the family of Marcia Cales.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS SIGN-UP – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for teachers for 2026. If you are interested in teaching, please sign up. It can be once, or once a month, or as much as your schedule will allow.

A big thank you to those who have faithfully taught our youth this year.

The Epiphany Service - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 6th

The offering is designated to go to Fairmount Ministries
(This will be a joint service at Redeemer)

Middle School Huddle is April 17-18, 2025. Pastor Warneke is on the planning committee and Pastor Meyer is the keynote speaker for this event. We want to have good participation from our Trinity and Redeemer youth!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –
FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4–15
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14
GOSPEL: Luke 2:40–52

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

TUESDAY: **7:00 pm Epiphany Service**

WEDNESDAY: **6:30 pm Catechism Class**
7:30 pm Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM
10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Aaron O'Donnell

Altar Committee: Sue Snider

Greeter: Ellen Cales

STEWARDSHIP

December 24, 2025 – Worship – 90
Concordia Academy Wichita - \$586.00

December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day – Worship – 35
Vicar Nash Ringquist - \$469.00

December 28, 2025 – Worship - 48
Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94
Home Budget Offering - \$8,183.00