

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting V 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still. The festival of John, apostle and evangelist, is transferred this year to December 29.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* ELW 275

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and truth,

C **in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, and have not trusted the good news of great joy. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the fullness of your love, trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The angel said, You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



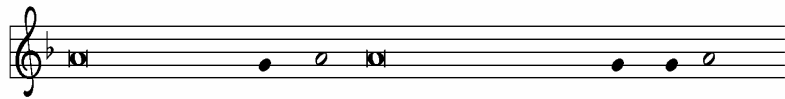
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Be to God on High

- 1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
- 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
- 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ...
 Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,
C: and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Like Mary and Joseph in the gospel text, Hannah and Elkanah were faithful parents. At the time of their annual pilgrimage to visit their son, the high priest blesses them with a prayer for more children in return for the dedication of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

PSALM: Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;*
praise him | in the heights.

**²Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;*
praise him, | all his host.**

³Praise him, | sun and moon,*
praise him, all you | shining stars.

**⁴Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,*
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD;*
for he commanded, and they | were created.

**⁶He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;*
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,*
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,*
creeping things and | winged birds;**

¹¹kings of the earth | and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**¹²young | men and maidens,*
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,*
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his | loyal servants,*
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are clothed with those qualities that reflect the Lord's presence.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. Their faithful adherence to the law provided a healthy environment for the young Jesus to grow into spiritual maturity.

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search 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. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

HYMN SING

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Go Tell It On The Mountain"*

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We believe in one God.

 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Blessed by the light of Christ incarnate, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: In your mercy, God, guide the church. Through your spirit, strengthen us to be body of Christ so that we grow in wisdom and better understand your ways..

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your abundance, Creator, sustain the earth. Bless all your creatures: from the ones that swim and creep to the ones that run and soar. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your wisdom, Teacher, equip us to be peacemakers. We pray for an end to conflict in the land of Jesus' birth, in Iraq and Afganistan, and in every land.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your compassion, Father, heal wounds and care for needs. We offer our prayers for all who need your healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your love, Mother, hear this congregation's prayers. May your presence be felt in this community in the midst of both joys and sorrows. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your peace, Lord, form the congregations of your people into living witnesses to your presence. We pray for the ministry of our synod and our companions throughout Kansas and Missouri. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: In your peace, Lord, be our hope in the face of death. We lift up the lives of John, apostle and evangelist, and all the saints as we remember them before you. In this season of family gatherings, comfort those who gather to grieve and be near to those oppressed by loneliness and isolation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Create in Me
Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a long note on 'Spir' in the final measure.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

C: it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us your self. Use what we have gathered here in feeding the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

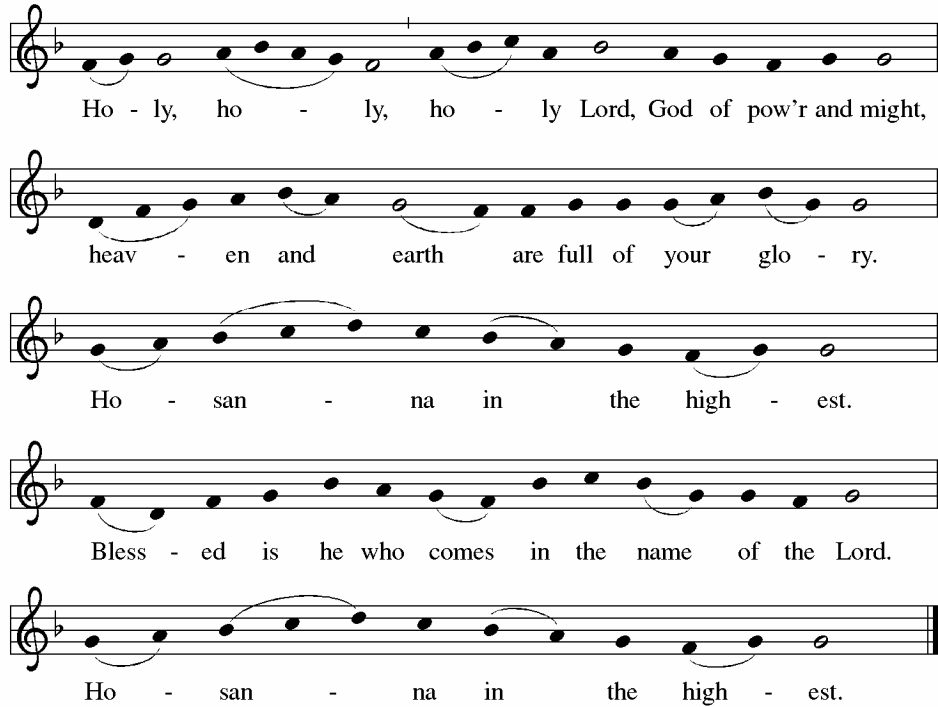
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you...for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup,...We look with hope for his coming

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God...Bring the gift of peace on earth

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *“Away in a Manger”*
 “Once in Royal David’s City”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: Amen.

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
 been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
 which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
 a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray...
 Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal
 we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we
 may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus
 Christ our Savior.
- C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace, guide your days and years in righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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