

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.



CONFESSION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.*

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

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

L: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have not lived up to our true identity as Your beloved children. Nor have we lived according to our heavenly family's values. We have taken for granted the free gift of salvation You gave us through Your holy Son Jesus, our brother in the flesh. Help us to see beyond our earthly connections to focus on the birth of Your Son and to treasure our heavenly family into which we have been reborn through Holy Baptism. Forgive us, O God, and let us depart in peace, according to Your Word, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who saves us from our sins and will present us as His beloved family, blameless and holy before You in the heavenly realms.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

A RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LSB 387 "Joy to the World" –
Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 52:10

**All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

**All: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

P: The LORD has made known His salvation;

C: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**All: No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

P: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**All: He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
C: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous
song and sing praises!**

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 367 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vss. 1, 5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, our Savior, we praise and thank You for coming to be born of
Mary so that through faith in You we might depart this life in peace. Grant that
we may ever share this gift; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*
(The Israelites are to consecrate their firstborn to the Lord.)

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:12–17*
(Wrap yourselves with the characteristics, peace, and word of Christ.)

VERSE *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

P: Alleluia! For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
C: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**
P: And His name shall be called
C: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,
C: **for He has done marvelous things! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus is brought to the temple.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 370 “What Child Is This”

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthem sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you’
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king to own him.
The king of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

SERMON "Family Values" Luke 2:22-40 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**All: 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.**

HYMN No. 393 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, Angels singing,
Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:
Christ the Child was born for you!
Christ the Child was born for you!**

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Luke 2:29-32*

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!