

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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The Second Sunday After Christmas

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**A Hymn-Sing through the Church Year**

THE INVOCATION

P: We begin our first worship service of the year of our Lord 2022 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ADVENT

*“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.’”* Isaiah 7:14

HYMN

“O Come, O, Come, Emmanuel”

**O, come, O, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!**

**O, come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav’nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!**

*(LSB 357, St. 1, 5)*

CHRISTMAS

*“So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn, a Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”* Luke 2:6-7

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

*(LSB 363, St. 1, 3)*

EPIPHANY

*“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense and myrrh.”* Matthew 2:11

HYMN

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

*(LSB 397, St. 1, 4)*

## TRANSFIGURATION

*"As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening." Luke 9:29*

HYMN

"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

**'Tis good, Lord to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

*(LSB 414, St. 1, 5)*

## LENT

*"Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'" Mark 14:32*

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.  
Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.**

*(LSB 436, St. 1, 2)*

## GOOD FRIDAY

*"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." John 19:30*

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord.  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed; see who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

*(LSB 451, St. 1, 3)*

## EASTER

*"But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.'" Mark 16:6*

HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

*(LSB 461, St. 1, 8)*

## ASCENSION

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:3*

HYMN

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

**On Christ's ascension I now build the hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled all doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.**

**Since Christ returned to claim His throne, great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone, no other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before, there all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.**

*(LSB 492, St. 1, 2)*

## PENTECOST

*"However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13*

HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

**Holy Spirit, light divine, shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away, turn the darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down every idol throne, reign supreme, and reign alone.**

*(LSB 496, St. 1, 4, 5)*

## TRINITY

*"To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."*  
Jude 25

HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father”

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!**

*(LSB 506, St. 1, 4)*

*Please stand*

## REFORMATION

“*God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.*” Psalm 46:1

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

**A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev’ry need that hath us now o’er taken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might are His dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not His equal.**

**The world they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;  
He’s by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, our vict’ry has been won;  
The kingdom ours remaineth.**

*(LSB 656, St. 1, 4)*

*Please be seated*

READING: Romans 8:14-18, 26-28, 31-39

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. . . <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. . . <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

SERMON: “The Eternal Date Line” Text: Romans 8:14-18, 26-28, 31-39

*Please stand*

## 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!**

## OFFERING

*Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.*

## THE LITANY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**C: Alleluia!**

P: Help us, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord

**C: To you, O Lord.**

[other petitions]

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

**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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

LSB 896

READING: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

BENEDICTION

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last And our eternal home!**

*(LSB 733)*

††† MY TIMES ARE IN HIS HANDS †††