

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill
January 2, 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas
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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh
among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is
mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not
put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle
our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born
among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of
Mary, Christ the Lord. ☩ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

**Kyrie*

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the Highest

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your
grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal 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 should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, 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 today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life." ¹⁵Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 119:97-104

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰**I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²**I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

SECOND READING

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, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foun-

dation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

***GOSPEL**

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now every year his 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.

The Word of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor George Rahn

***THE APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE*OFFERING HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (twice)

ELW #184

***OFFERTORY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #885

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

***SANCTUS**

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Come to the Table (3 times)

ELW #481

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may these precious gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace this day. **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	Gilbert Spinn	Helen Gaskamp	Cynthia Wilson
Verna Mae Sefcik	Clarence Moehlmann	Linda King	Jerry Randermann
Mary Ann Luce	Connie Seward	Justin Reuter	Dorothy Wiesepape
Marjorie Hohlt	Mary Longhofer	Tom Bentke	Mark Marburger
Charles "Dutch" Schulze	A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp	Peggy & Milton Bosse	
John & Carol Haarmeyer	Emery & Helen Schulze		

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Judy Wagner, Kayla Rosenbaum, Lisa Chavelas, Myrtle Randermann, John Haarmeyer, Anne Merkel, Colby Seeker

Friends & Family:

Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones
 Blake Bates
 Carol Lieber
 Christy Dallmeyer
 Corrie Newland
 Holly Haarmeyer Rodriquez
 John Tuefel
 Missy Goldmith
 Shannon Wellmann
 Sue Maass

Please notify the church office of any prayer request by simply writing a note on the back of your attendance card. Thank you!

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday, January 3rd *Annual Reports Due*
6:00PM Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 4th
9:30AM Pastor's Bible Class

Thursday, January 6th
10:00AM Naomi Circle

Next Sunday, January 9th **Baptism of Our Lord**
8:00AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:05AM Worship Service



Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!

**The Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex.
Please sign up for your altar flowers!**

