



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our gracious God to offer him our worship and praise. We assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate his life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him in heaven.

For Your Convenience and Safety

For your ease and convenience, the entire order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in lower level of the church. Parents who need to attend to upset infants or toddlers may use the parent's room located just beyond the ushers' room on the left as you leave the church. A large print version of this service folder and a printed copy of today's sermon for those who have difficulty seeing or hearing are available from an usher.

For the convenience of others please silence all electronic devices.

Offerings may be given in the collection plate in the church entryway. Please keep your service folder or recycle it in the green bin in the entryway. Communion will be offered by continuous distribution.

About Today's Service

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? OUR SUBSTITUTE AND SACRIFICE

Already as a child, Jesus' saving work had begun. His entire life, he served as our substitute, perfectly obeying God's Law. Just think of how we often neglect the study of God's Word. Then look at twelve-year-old Jesus, eager to be in the temple learning more about Scripture. However, he would need to do more than be our substitute. Eventually he would lay that perfect life down as the sacrifice for our sin.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with the pastor.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister Pastor Timothy Henning
Organist..... Coralee Henning
Ushers Henry Schacht (8 am)
Doug Strack (10:30 am)

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Hymn

“See in Yonder Manger Low ”

Christian Worship Supplement #58

Stand for the last stanza



1 See in yon - der man - ger low, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was thine,
4 Teach, oh, teach us, ho - ly Child, By thy face so meek and mild,



See— the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this.
Teach us to re - sem - ble thee In thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail the ev - er bless - ed morn; Hail re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn;



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: HUMILITY (77 77 with Refrain) John Gross, 1800–80.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.

Continued on next page.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9

Today's first lesson will serve as the sermon text

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

M: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 84

The congregation sings the refrains and the portions of the verses in bold type.

Refrain



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm tone



How lovely is your dwelling place,*

O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*

for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*

they are ever praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day in your courts*

than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*

blessed are they who trust in you.

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. *Refrain*

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18 Through his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus has made us holy. He now calls us his brothers and sisters.

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¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

M: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

STAND

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Even as a boy, Jesus was acting as our substitute, demonstrating obedience to the heavenly Father and respect for God's holy Word.

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

Christian Worship Hymnal #41



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

Sermon

Text: Isaiah 50:4-9

Theme: The Lord Almighty has Helped Me

1. By taking my place
2. By giving me his place

Following the sermon please stand for the Creed.

Nicene Creed

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people.

Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



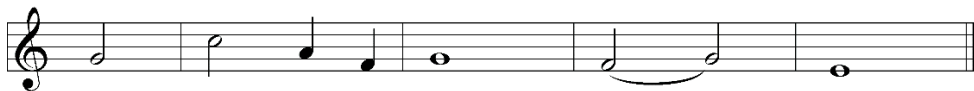
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated for the distribution.

Distribution Hymn

“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”

Christian Worship Hymnal #53



1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared
2 “At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid’s town, As Mi -
3 Oh, then re - joice that through his Son God is
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true
5 Not one he will or can for - sake; His cov -



a host of an - gels bright; “Be - hold the ten - der
cah did of old make known. It is the Christ, your
with sin - ners now at one; Made like your - selves of
God now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan
'nant he will nev - er break. Let ev - 'ry scheme the



babe,” they said, “In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
Lord and King, Who will to all sal - va - tion bring.”
flesh and blood, Your broth - er is th’ e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.
tempt - er try, You may his ut - most pow’rs de - fy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.
God’s own you are; you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

After all have communed the minister says, “The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Amen.”

Following the distribution please stand for the following prayer and blessing

THANKSGIVING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Christian Worship Hymnal #36 (Stanzas 1, 4, and 5)



1 A great and might - y won - der, A
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And
3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those
4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an
yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing
bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and
all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in
Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.
an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: “To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men.”

Text: Germanus, c. 634–734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call News:

December 20, 2021

Dear members of St. Lucas,

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” (Luke 2:17-18)

This past week, Riverview Lutheran Church of Kewaskum, Wisconsin, extended a divine call to me to serve as a teacher in their school. I am being called to teach 4th grade and serve as athletic director.

I ask for your prayers as I prayerfully consider the two calls the Lord has placed before me: my current call here at St. Lucas, as well as my new call to Riverview Lutheran. I welcome any conversations, input, comments, or advice that anyone would like to offer. If you would like any further information about this new call, I would be more than happy to discuss it with you. During this time, I would also ask for your prayers that God’s will be done for his people throughout his kingdom.

As we enter into this call deliberation process together as brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray that God will strengthen and encourage all of us to be like the shepherds and spread the word concerning what has been told to us about the Savior born in Bethlehem. May the Lord bless us during this Christmas season and beyond.

Serving you in Christ,

Patrick Loroff

Giving Tree: Thank you for your generous gifts for the Giving Tree. Sharing Christ’s love in this way will enable several St. Lucas families to celebrate the true joy of Christmas.

Church/School Office Assistant: Starting January 3 St. Lucas Lutheran Church will need a new church and school office assistant. We will need someone who will be able to do basic financial work using QuickBooks, desktop publishing using Microsoft Office, basic website maintenance and updating, along with other office duties. Depending on the time of the year this job requires up to 30 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for this position, would be able to help on a temporary basis during the hiring process, or have any questions about this position, please contact Pastor Henning or Principal Hesse. A job description is available.

We thank Bev Hansen for her faithful service in assisting in the Lord's ministry here at St. Lucas Lutheran and pray for the Lord's blessing on her new employment.

New Hymnal Update: You can pre-order your own copies of *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* at nph.net.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 31 -- *New Year's Eve*

January 1 & 2 -- *What Child Is This? Who Turns Slaves into Sons*

CALENDAR

December 25-January 2, 2022

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday	<i>(John 19:25b-27)</i>	
9:00am	Christmas Day Festival Worship w/Communion	Ushers:Strack
Sunday	<i>(Luke 2:41-52, 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26, Hebrews 2:10-18, Psalm 111)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Schacht
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Strack
Monday	<i>(Isaiah 45:1-8)</i>	
Tuesday	<i>(1 Corinthians 2:6-10)</i>	
Wednesday	<i>(John 12:35-43)</i>	
Thursday	<i>(John 12:44-50)</i>	
Friday	<i>(John 1:29-34)</i>	
6:30pm	New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Koch
Saturday	<i>(John 19:25b-27)</i>	
6:00pm	Worship	Ushers:Butzke
Sunday	<i>(Luke 1:68-75, Genesis 17:1-7, Galatians 4:4-7, Psalm 148)</i>	
8:00am	Worship	Ushers:Kempf
10:30am	Worship	Ushers: Koch

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Christ through faithful use of the means of grace***