

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*Sunday, December 29, 2024*



*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection | Sunset Hills, MO*

*Stand*

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**C** **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

**P** Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

**C** **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

**P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

**C** **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

**P** Blessed be the LORD forever!

**C** **Amen and Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Self-Examination.*

**P** People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**C** **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

## Absolution (Forgiveness of Sins)

*Sit*

# LESSONS AND CAROLS

## Reading

Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

## Hymn: 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93  
Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908  
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## Reading

Luke 2:6–7

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Hymn: 364 Away in a Manger

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Away in a Manger'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a dotted half note A4, and then a series of quarter notes: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with quarter notes: B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The third staff begins with a whole note G3, followed by a dotted half note A3, and then quarter notes: B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The fourth staff continues with quarter notes: B2, A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, ending with a double bar line.

I A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,  
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

Text: Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia  
Tune: James R. Murray, 1841–1905  
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## Reading

Luke 2:8–14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

## Hymn: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.  
Text and tune: French  
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## Reading

*Luke 2:15–20*

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Hymn: 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933  
Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Reading

*Matthew 2:1–3, 10–12*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## Hymn: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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## Reading

*Luke 2:21–22, 25–32*

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

## Hymn: 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Text: James Quinn, 1919–2010

Tune: American

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## Sermon

## Offering

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## Apostles' Creed

*found inside the back cover of the hymnal*

## Prayer of the Church



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, merciful and everlasting God, whom we are privileged to call upon as our Father. Mercifully grant that we may live in thankfulness for the assurance that in Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, has come and has brought the joy of salvation among us. Grant that we celebrate this day at Your Table of grace, awaiting the feast that is to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

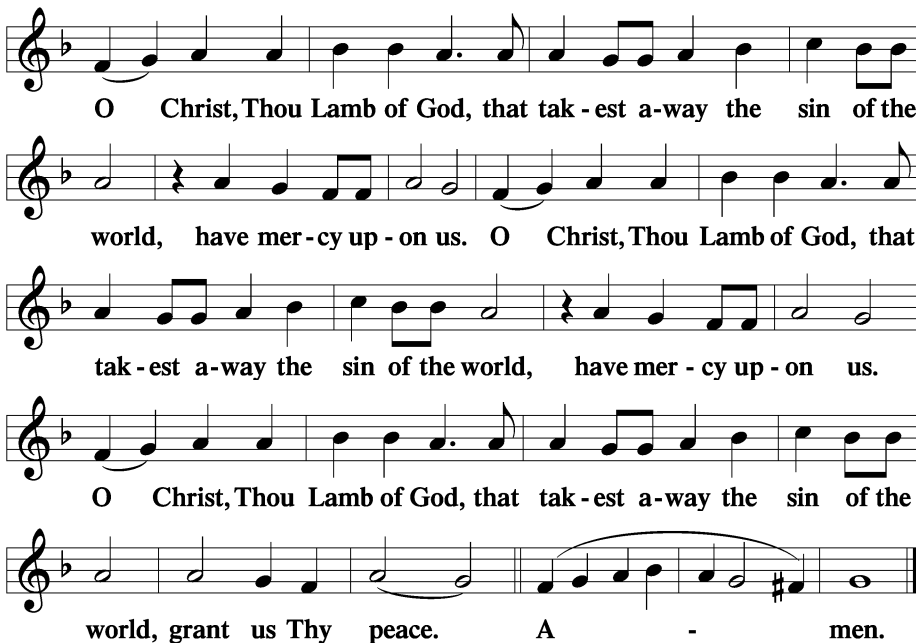
## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymns:

370 What Child Is This

393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

369 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

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## The Dismissal and Benediction

### Hymn: 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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