



Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2021

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Our Mission:

*True to God's Word, We Walk with Christ:
Welcoming, Loving, Serving, Sharing.*

Good Morning and Welcome! What a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts! Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship right after church. If you are a guest or visiting with us, please do sign our guest register located in the narthex—we'd love to connect. Should you need it, there is a "cry room" next to the church office on the main level. Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance. Welcome!

A Word about Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday at ORLC. In this meal, instituted by the Lord Himself, we receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We believe that the Lord is truly present during this Holy Meal, and we approach the altar in humility and gratitude. Baptized believers in Christ who also share our confession at this altar are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION CUPS The cups directly behind the white markers are alcohol-free.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS Available upon request; simply ask the pastor or an elder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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AS WE GATHER *There's such rich beauty in the story of Solomon asking for Wisdom as a young boy. Wisdom is something that in the Old Testament is often personified. It's a tangible presence of the Almighty God. As we begin this new year with an upset normalcy, Wisdom is most certainly on our minds. May the God of grace and hope give to us all His tangible Wisdom – the Spirit of His Son to guide our hearts and minds this year to His glory!*

Call to Worship – Welcome

Hymn of Invocation –

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

Confession and Absolution

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: **Amen!**

Service of the Word

Introit ~ *Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: **Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

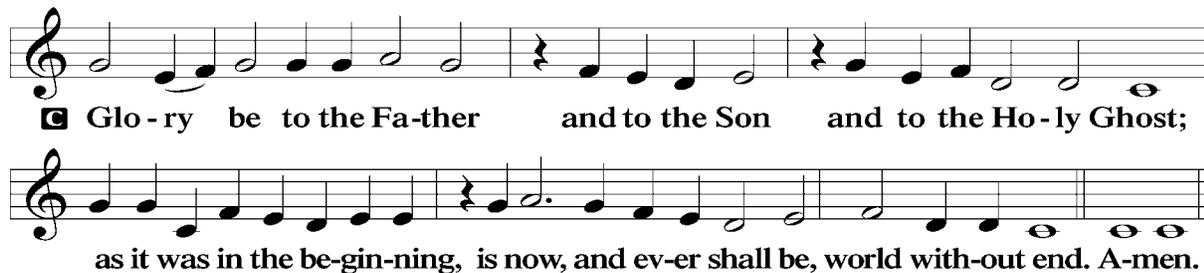
P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C: **But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

P: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

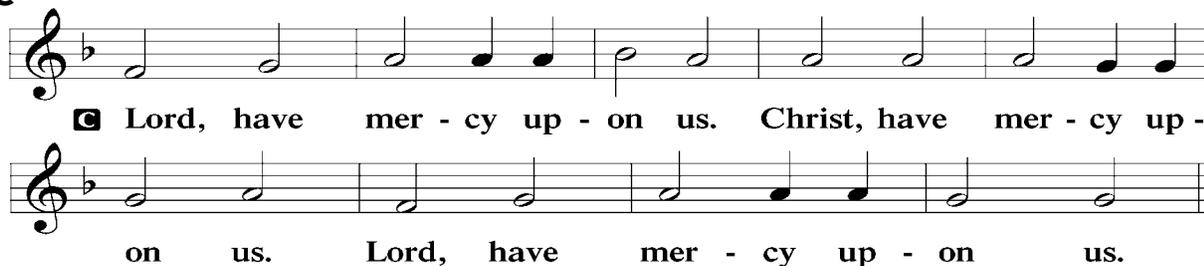
C: **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

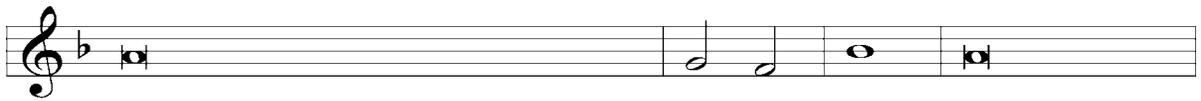


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria In Excelsis



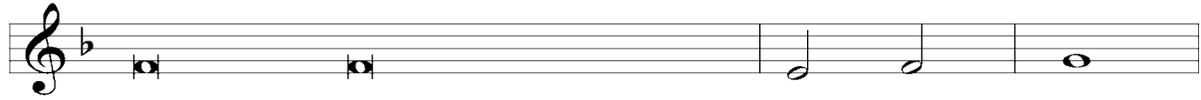
☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading.....1 Kings 3:4-15 (Solomon asks for Wisdom); p.283 of your pew bible)

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been

anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for-- both riches and honor-- so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke-- and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading.....Ephesians 1:3-14
(Spiritual blessings; p.987 of your pew bible)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.

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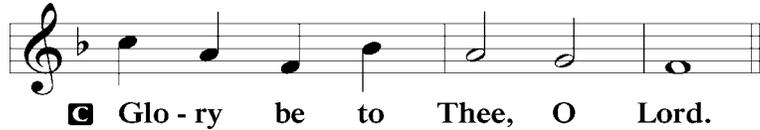
People: Thanks be to God.



Alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



The Gospel Reading..... Luke 2:40-52 (The boy Jesus at the Temple; p.865 of your pew bible)

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast 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 men.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day

Within the Father's House

LSB 410

Sermon

Empty of Understanding..... Luke 2:40-52

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

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Installation/Blessing of Congregational Servants

Scott Roelfs – Council President; Matt Jacobson – Council President-elect; Jerry Simpson – Elder

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise you that you sent us your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you manifested the fullness of your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus



☐ 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

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.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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. The piece ends with a double bar line.

☐ 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 ~ Offerings may be brought forward

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

Nunc Dimittis



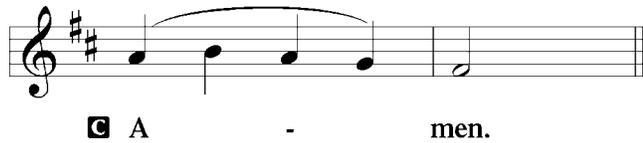
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



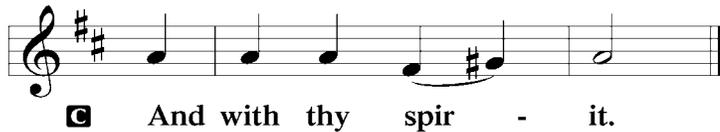
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

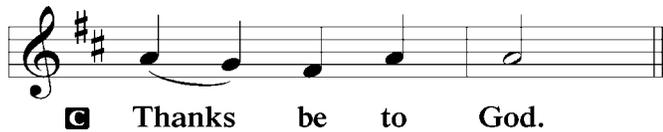


Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.



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.



Announcements

Departing Hymn –

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

For those worshipping online with us...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Church Office

Church Member Updates - Help us keep our records up to date and keep you informed with what's happening at Our Redeemer. Please contact the office if your email, phone number, address or number of members in your family has changed.



SMILE!! -The congregation photo boards are ready for your photograph!! Photos should be 4x6 or 6x4. You are welcome to bring your own photo of that size (whether you are an individual, couple, or family), or find Terri Semmler who will be delighted to take your picture. Thank you for your participation!

2021 Offering Envelopes- Just a reminder that we will not be using offering envelopes in the new year.

Walkin' at the Mac- "Walkin' at the Mac" is generally at 9AM Mon. and Thurs. (free for seniors or \$2per visit/ \$1.50 with punch card). If you are interested or have questions contact Ingrid Roelfs at 907-382-3662.

Tour of Israel NEW DATES -- ORLC is hosting a 10-day tour of the Holy Land, January 11-20, 2022. Look for more info at the Connection Corner.



The Power of Prayer! ORLC has an electronic prayer group who will pray for you and/or your loved ones. Email your electronic prayer request to orlc.prayers@gmail.com. It is sent Bcc (blind) to a group of people who will pray for your concerns. Prayer requests are sent out Monday through

Friday. Prayers are listed for one week unless the request is renewed. (If you do not have a computer, call the ORLC office and it will be added for you.)

Sunday Bible Hour - Join Pastor James in walking through the book of James, each Sunday morning at 9am. We've been talking a lot about the fruit of the Spirit, and James (the book) gives us the right perspective on living out our faith through those actions!

Women's Study- Through Faith Alone. -Join us for study on Wednesdays at 7PM from Jan. 6 - Feb. 10! See Deac. Britt for book details.

Youth & Children's Ministry- Sunday School lessons will be in an online format set up for at-home instruction. Ericka has set up a website that will be included in the weekly *What's Happening* email with an easy to follow format for at-home teaching. There will be a full supply list at the top of the website; if you are in need of any supplies or have any questions please reach out to Ericka, office@orlc-ak.org.

Midweek Devotion- Join us for a midweek devotion, posted each Wednesday morning. We'll work our way through the Psalms together, the hymnbook of the Bible which captures every single human emotion possible! Posted on Facebook or on our website: <https://www.orlc-ak.org/devotions>

Resources - Are you feeling overwhelmed, lonely, stressed, or drained? Let me remind you that we, your church family, are here should you need counsel, prayer, or resources. Please reach out and let us know if you, your family, or your kids need anything. We are here to support you through all stages of life. Why? Because we love you, just as Jesus loves us! Contact Deac. Britt for help with resources ranging from stress, family issues, devotions, and more.



De-decorate January 9th- If you can help take down Christmas Decorations please see the sign up at the Connections Table. Times are staggered to help with physical distancing.

10 am Christmas tree, ornaments and other decorations at the Altar, vacuum altar area

10:30 am Swag and garland in Sanctuary, vacuum if needed

11:00 am Narthex, Library, and decorations at entrance vacuum if needed

12pm Move boxes to Garage, second floor, for storage (we find it easiest to load the boxes out the front door into a truck and drive around to the garage)

As of now all storage boxes are located in the copy room upstairs and are labeled, on Jan 1st the boxes will be in the corresponding area for take down. If you would like to come before then and can't find the right box let the office know.

When finished, all boxes can be placed in the Narthex to be moved to the garage.

Cozy Tree-Help decorate the Cozy Tree with knit caps, mittens, and/or socks. Items will be donated to our less fortunate brothers and sisters to help keep them warm.

Pre-worship prayer team - Volunteers needed to pray briefly with Pastor James before worship every Sunday.

Altar Flowers – Interested in providing flowers for the altar to mark a special occasion or simply your abundant joy in life? Contact office@orlc-ak.org to reserve a Sunday.

In order to lift up to God the people of Our Redeemer, we will include a staff member, church leader, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week.

*James Baumgartner- Pastor

*FLMT

*John & Sue Rajek, Alex & April Reynolds, Scott & Tabbie Roelfs and their families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 David Shaw
- 5 Kalysta Hurst
- 5 Kiryn Hurst
- 7 Sonya Reynolds
- 8 Grace Chang

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dustin & Taffani Loughman

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

01/03/2021-01/10/2021

Today	Pastors Bible Study Worship Service 3	9:00am 10:00am
Next Sunday	Pastor's Bible Study Creative Worship Service	9:00am 10:00am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (01/03)	NEXT WEEK (01/10)
Altar Guild	Marianne Dabbs Evelyn Sampson	Marianne Dabbs Anne Craig
Accompanist	Steve Eng	Carol Shearer
Lector	Chuck Semmler	Carol Shearer

Women's Study

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM
JAN. 6 - FEB. 10

THROUGH
FAITH
ALONE

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