



The First Sunday after Christmas
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins

Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must "take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt" (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He "had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'" (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing "his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses" (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. "He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them" (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we "receive adoption as sons" in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: "Abba! Father!" (Gal. 4:4-6).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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- 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.**

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

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

- P** When Israel was a child, I loved him,
C **and out of Egypt I called my son.**
P Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,
C **lamentation and bitter weeping.**
P Rachel is weeping for her children;
C **she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."**
P Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,
C **and your eyes from tears,**
P for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,
C **and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.**
P There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,
C **and your children shall come back to their own country."**
C **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.**
P When Israel was a child, I loved him,
C **and out of Egypt I called my son.**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



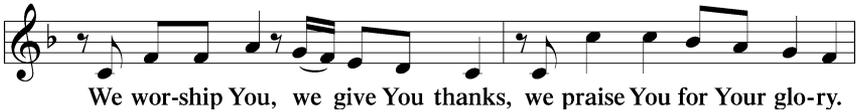
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

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- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-14

A The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday after Christmas is from the sixty-third chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
 the praises of the LORD,
 according to all that the LORD has granted us,
 and the great goodness to the house of Israel
 that he has granted them according to his compassion,
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
 children who will not deal falsely."
 And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
 and the angel of his presence saved them;
 in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
 he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
 and grieved his Holy Spirit;
 therefore he turned to be their enemy,
 and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
 of Moses and his people.
 Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
 with the shepherds of his flock?
 Where is he who put in the midst of them
 his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
 to go at the right hand of Moses,
 who divided the waters before them
 to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?
 Like a horse in the desert,
 they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
 the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
 So you led your people,
 to make for yourself a glorious name.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle*Galatians 4:4–7*

- A** The Second Reading is from the fourth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 156*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*Matthew 2:13–23*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and

remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C 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.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Video: Grace in a Manger

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and



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Prayer of the Church

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so 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.

Proper Preface (Full)

- 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may

know and love those things which are not seen. 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*LSB 161*

C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving*LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



C A - men.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

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Silent Prayer

Announcements

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The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

December 28, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Kristen Dunne, Family Paisley, Olive
 Brianne Giba, Family Genevieve, Victoria
 Jenna Hefner
 David Jr. & Kristi Hudson
 Emily Hudson
 Melanie Hudson, Family Malorie, Levi

BIRTHDAYS

Chris Baker, 12/30
 Tracy Middleton, 1/2

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Isabella Ramirez, 12/28
 Jayden Wisely, 12/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Deb Brandy, 12/31

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Asleep in Jesus – Janice Abel, sister to Laurie Michels and friend of our congregation, entered eternity this past Wednesday. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live.” (John 11:25)

Pray for Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray & Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.



Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Harrison & Arianna Cromey, Brianna Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday January 14th at 10:00 am, to review *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of December 28th on KFUO.org: Here at KFUO, we celebrate Christmas for all 12 days of the season! From now through January 6th, tune in for special programming featuring sacred music, Scripture readings, and greetings from missionaries and chaplains across the LCMS! As always, you can find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

The Week of December 28th Study God's Word In 2026... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen by phone, (618) 262-0078. You can also listen at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Let's Discuss

ZOOM ROOM

MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

For the Link:

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“Look back at how God changed you. Look ahead to what God promises for you. The future looks bright when you’re connected to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. May the Lord continue to strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote

Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." Matthew 2:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 2:13-23



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LORD
NAZARETH
ANGEL

KILL
ESCAPE
BETHLEHEM

JOSEPH
HEROD
SEARCH

APPEAR
MOTHER
NIGHT

MAGI
EGYPT
CHILD

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

December 17th Attendance 12

December 21st Attendance 18, 17 Communed, 1 Online

Envelopes	\$542.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Advent	296.00	Luth. Church Charity	35.00
General Fund	250.00	Church Maint	20.00
Advent Coin Fold.	40.00	Social Ministry	50.00
Budgeted Total	1,128.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$135.00
Offering Needed	1,423.00		
Short	\$-295.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Dec 28, 9:30 AM

Sun, Jan 4, 9:30 AM

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Pastor Klein

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