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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026, 11:00 AM, January 7, 2026, 7:00 PM
Divine Service Setting 1 Abbreviated

AS WE GATHER

We can't figure God out. Mary and Joseph must have been completely confused about Jesus' desire to stay in the temple, but it was obvious to Him. There was a long list of blessings God was able to give to Solomon; fortunately, the king chose the right one. The Epistle tells us what God wants and what He has done for us, regardless of if we have understood His plan. He has chosen us, given us the Holy Spirit, and included us in a gracious inheritance. And it all revolves around our Savior—His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus did all that was necessary for grace to be poured out on us, thanks be to God. It is all certainly beyond our understanding.

FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"From East to West" LSB 385

(Please stand for stanza 5)

INVOCATION *(Spoken responses)*

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 *[John 20:19–23]*

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.

Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

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.

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

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

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

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.

KYRIE *(Sing responses)* *Mark 10:47*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♫

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

(Sing response)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high
place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At
Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said,
"Ask what I shall give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and
steadfast love to your servant David my father, 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 this day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your
servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do
not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of your
people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or
counted for multitude. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to
govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able
to govern this your great people?"

10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11And God said to him,
"Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or
riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to
discern what is right, 12behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give
you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you
and none like you shall arise after you. 13I give you also what you have not
asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all
your days. 14And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my
commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."
15And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to
Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered
up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 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, 4even as he
chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and
blameless before him. In love 5he predestined us for adoption as sons through
Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious
grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7In him we have
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to
the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which
he set forth in Christ 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in
him, things in heaven and things on earth.
11In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined
according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel
of his will, 12so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the
praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised
Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire
possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♫ *John 6:68*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

40 The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the
favor of God was upon him.
41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the
Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to
custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy
Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing
him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to
search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did
not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days
they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and
asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his
understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were
astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so?
Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And
he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he
spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was
submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and
man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH: "Fishers of Men"

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men if you follow Me.
If you follow Me, if you follow Me;
I will make you fishers of men if you follow Me.

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me. Come unto Me, Come unto Me."
Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me; I will give you rest.
I will give you rest; I will give you rest."
Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me; I will give you rest."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Within the Father's House" LSB 410

(Please stand for stanza 6)

(Please be seated)

SERMON

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew.)*

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY ♫ *Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

(Please be seated)

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD CHAIRMEN

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of *St. Paul Lutheran Church* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.
Amen.

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE *(Sing responses)* *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ♫ *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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 *(Sing response)* *John 20:19*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI ♫ *John 1:29*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "O Word of God Incarnate" LSB 523

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Once in Royal David's City" LSB 376

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD ♫ *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Sing response)* *Numbers 6:24–26*

Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN TO DEPART: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368

LEAVING

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