



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

The First Sunday after Christmas



Our God Calls Us His Brothers!



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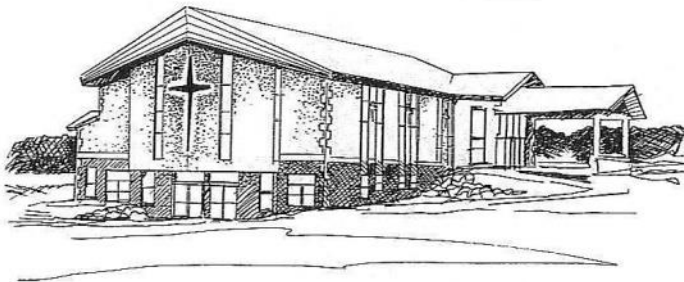
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - ***Christ's Love, Our Calling.***

**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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December 26, 2021

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 41)

Let All Together Praise Our God



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.

STAND

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.

O LORD, OUR LORD



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.



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

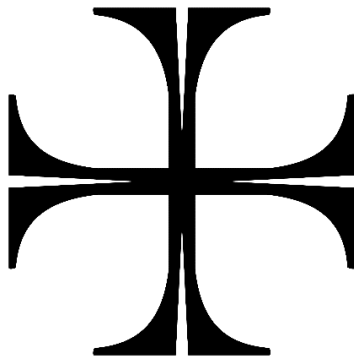
M: Let us pray.

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

*⁴The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,
so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.*

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

*⁵The LORD God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.*

I did not turn back.

*⁶I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.
I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.*

*⁷The LORD God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.*

*Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.
I know that I will not be put to shame.*

*⁸The one who will acquit me is near!
Who can accuse me?*

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹Look, the LORD God will help me.

Who then can declare me guilty?

*Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.
A moth will consume them.*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10–18

¹⁰Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers.

Within the congregation I will sing your praise.

¹³And again:

I will trust in him.

And again:

Here I am and the children God has given me.

¹⁴Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) ¹⁵and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a cf. NIV)





1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners
 2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we
 3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the



you be - came a child. You came from heav - en
 now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the
 world which sin - de - filed. What - e'er we have be -



to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly
 ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger
 longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and



will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62, abr.; tr. Frieda Pietsch, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SÜSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

⁴¹Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day’s journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.”

⁴⁹He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” ⁵⁰They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵¹He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Youth Redeemed



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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:

C: Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

M: O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness. Join our prayers with those of all your faithful people as we pray as our master has taught us:

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 recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



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. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever 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.

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 40)

O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is



1 O Je - sus Christ, Your man - ger is
2 He whom the sea And wind o - bey
3 Dear Chris - tian friend, On him de - pend;
4 Pon - der a - gain What glo - ry then
5 The world may hold Her wealth and gold;



My par - a - dise where my soul is re -
Comes down to serve the sin - ner in great
Be of good cheer and let no sor - row
The Lord will give you for your earth - ly
But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true



clin - ing. For there, O Lord, We find the Word
meek - ness. Now God's own Son With us is one
move you. For God's own child In mer - cy mild
sad - ness. The an - gel host Can nev - er boast
treas - ure. To him hold fast Un - til at last



Made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
And joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
Joins you to him—how great - ly God must love you!
Of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.
A crown is yours and hon - or in full meas - ure.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: O JESU CHRIST, DEIN KRIPPLEIN IST (44 11 D) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news 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!

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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 53) To Shepherds as They Watched by Night (vs. 3 & 4)

**3 Oh, then rejoice that through his Son
God is with sinners now at one;
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,
Your brother is th' eternal God.**

**4 What harm can sin and death then do?
The true God now abides with you.
Let hell and Satan storm and rave,
Christ is your brother—you are safe.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

*Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Class will not meet today.
Adult Bible Class will meet again on Sunday, January 2nd.
Sunday School and Teen Bible Class will meet again on Sunday, January 9th.*

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday December 26: 1st Sunday after Christmas

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: No adult Bible study, teen group or Sunday School today

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz • Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00 am) and Andy Huebner (10:30 am)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg • A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Friday December 31: New Year's Eve Worship 4:00 pm

- Pastor Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Usher: Gene Freund
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg

Sunday January 2: 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study in sanctuary, *No teen group or Sunday School today*

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: *TBA*
- Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: *Ushers needed*
- Counters: Lynn Biwer and *additional counter needed*
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kathy Zech (12/27), Dar Raether (1/1) and Mike Wilson (1/1) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marge Ripp, Peg Schroeder and the Willitz family who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Offerings Counted December 15 - 21:

- General Fund: \$7004.75
- Building Expansion Fund: \$375

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

MTD shortage/surplus as of 12/21: + \$5,096 YTD shortage/surplus as of Nov. 31: - \$31,091



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Looking Ahead:

- **Feb. 5, 2022: Seminar on Home Devotions at Lord of Love, 9 – 12 noon.** (*Snow date is Feb. 12.*)
- **March 2: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 & 6:30 pm**

